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FORGERY TRIAL FEATURES.

TREASURY OFFICIAL GIVES EVIDENCE.

DENIES THAT SIGNATURES ON THE CHEQUES ARE HIS.

LAXITY IN OFFICE DENIED.

Practically the whole of the morning, in the Carvalho Yeo trial at the Criminal Sessions, was taken up to-day by the evidence of Mr. T. Black, accountant to the Treasury, who explained at length the procedure adopted in the Government's dealings with contractors.

He denied that the signatures on the cheques in the case were his, or that the Government, at any time, had owed money to the three firms in whose favour they were drawn.

A question arose as to whether the scrutiny of accounts was any less severe at the end of the year than ordinarily, and Mr. Black gave a definite denial, stating that rather was the reverse the case.

Public interest in the proceedings is still well maintained. Carvalho Yeo is facing the trial calmly and appears to follow the evidence closely.

GOVERNMENT METHODS EXPLAINED.

When the Court resumed this morning, evidence of an identification parade, at which seven out of nine persons picked the accused out, was given by Mr. C. G. Perdue, Assistant Superintendent of Police.

Mr. Perdue said he conducted the parade on September 22 when the accused was paraded with ten other men, all of whom were of about the same height and build, and were dressed in European clothes. The accused stood fourth from the right, at his own option. Of the nine persons called to identify him, seven succeeded. One man picked failed to identify the accused and picked another man out instead, while another also failed to identify the accused and picked no-one out.

The next witness called was Mr. T. Black, accountant to the Colonial Treasury. He said that he was in charge of what was known as the expenditure side and had held that post since February 17, 1926. During that time, the Government's account had been with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Since March 19, 1926, cheques drawn on the Government account at the Hongkong bank had to bear his (witness's) signature as cashier and that of the Hon. Mr. Messer. When shown the three forged cheques, witness said they purported to bear the signatures of Mr. Messer and himself.

Forged Signatures.
Mr. Sheldon:—Did you in fact sign any of these cheques?—I did not. These signatures are not mine.

After witness had noted that the date on which the cheques purported to be drawn was December 30, 1927, Mr. Sheldon asked:—Can you tell us if on that date, or any other date as far as you know, the Government owed any amount at all to the payees of these cheques?

Witness:—The Government has not at any time, within my knowledge, owed money to any of these three firms.

Can you tell us if on that date, or any other date, the Government owed to the San Chung Firm the sum of \$73,785.54?—No, they did not.

Since March 29, 1926, has any genuine cheque whatsoever been drawn by the Government in favour of the Sang Chung Firm or the three payees on the forged cheques?—No, nothing at all.

Government Cheques Used.

Replying to further questions, witness went on to say that he first saw the three forged cheques on the afternoon of January 18, this year, when they were shown to him by a European official of the Hongkong Bank at the Bank's premises. Each of the forged cheques was at one time a Government blank cheque.

Mr. Sheldon:—Is there any variation in stamp or printing in these three cheques?—Yes. These three cheques, and stated that he wished to (Continued on Page 11.)

MYSTERY SHIP IN HONGKONG.

GUN-RUNNING EXPLOIT SUCCESSFUL.

VIGOROUS SEARCH BY POLICE PROVES FRUITLESS.

BAUNE'S ADVENTURES

No longer a mystery ship forced to run the gauntlet of the law, but a perfectly respectable freighter with her papers all in order, the Norwegian s.s. Baune, 683 tons, arrived in Hongkong from Canton yesterday afternoon, was searched from stem to stern by the Water Police, and departed at five o'clock in the afternoon, on her way home after an amazing and adventurous voyage.

Somewhere in China, it is certain, her skipper, has landed a large consignment of arms and ammunition, but the story, thrilling as it must be in view of the facts already disclosed, remains with him for the time being. At any rate, Water Police searchers who scoured the little steamer yesterday found nothing to justify her detention, though we are informed that two cartridges were found lying in the coal bunkers.

Police On Look-Out.

The Telegraph now finds that yesterday was not the first occasion of the arrival of this mysterious ship into Hongkong harbour. The vessel put in to the Colony's waters on Wednesday last week from Dairen, remained for such time as was sufficient to take on water, and then sailed for Canton.

The Water Police had been warned to keep a watch for the Baune, which had been guilty of remarkable behaviour on the west coast of Africa, at the British port of Walvis Bay, and at Batavia in the Dutch East Indies.

In the suddenness of her arrival and departure, however, the vessel was missed, and she reached Canton without being subject to investigation.

Her Purpose in Canton.

Her trip to Canton has been the subject of considerable speculation. It has been suggested that she discharged her cargo of munitions there, but since she came from Dairen, it is thought to be more likely that her skipper had accomplished his daring enterprise before reaching here.

It is significant that when the Baune anchored off Walvis Bay and asked for fresh water, he admitted the absence of papers, and said they would reach him at Port Arthur. At Batavia, where the Police discovered several cases of munitions cleverly concealed in coal bunkers, the absence of a manifest was explained in much the same way.

We are also informed that the Baune took on an entirely new crew at Canton, and in this connexion it is interesting to note that her master was last week returned as Captain F. Monsen. Yesterday she arrived with a Captain Hansen in command.

In the course of her forty-five years on the seas, the Baune has passed under several names. She was built at Sunderland and was first known as "Blanchard," then as "Baune," then as "Guvnor" and finally again as "Baune." Her present owners are the Valhal Company of Bergen.

Gun-Running Exploit.

When the steamer began her astonishing gun-running exploit is unknown, but she first came under the suspicion of authorities at Walvis Bay on August 6th. Officials sent on board were told she was carrying "machinery to China" and the master was instructed to report for clearance papers. When the foggy dawn had disappeared, it was found the vessel had sheered off during the night.

For more than seven weeks, nothing more was heard of the "mystery" ship, and then she suddenly turned up from nowhere at Batavia. At first the Harbour Master was refused permission to board, but eventually he was allowed to do so. The master hotly denied that he had munitions on board, but a Police search revealed this to be untrue.

An attempt was made to prevent the ship from leaving, but the master judged that Batavia was too hot to hold him, and hastily departed before the Police could be placed on board.

A MAD JAPANESE PLOT FAILS.

SENSATIONAL CASE IN SHANGHAI.

CONSUL-GENERAL TO BE HELD FOR RANSOM.

BOMBS UNDER A CLUB.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Nov. 21.
Sensation followed sensation during the hearing of the preliminary trial of six Japanese desperadoes arrested in Shanghai. After long investigation the Police have unravelled a plot remarkable in its ramifications, including provisions for the kidnapping of Mr. Yada, the Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, and the destruction of the Japanese Club in Shanghai.

The leading figure in the dock is known as Tajima. He is a notorious Japanese anarchist and has been in trouble with the Police on many occasions. He is believed to be "concerned with the Bolshevik activities in Shanghai." With him were five others, who are alleged to have been his confederates in the plots revealed by the Police.

It was disclosed during the hearing that the gang had prepared careful plans for the kidnapping of Mr. Yada, and of Mr. Hanzume, the manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank.

These leading Japanese officials were to have been held to ransom for \$10,000, and the gang proposed to utilize the proceeds for the purchase of bombs for the purpose of destroying the Japanese Club on the eve of the Coronation celebration and thus

NOT NOW COMING TO THE EAST.

The 2nd Stafford's Disembark
at Malta.

ORIGINAL PLANS CHANGED.

Malta, Nov. 20.
The s.s. Neauralla has disembarked the 2nd Battalion of the Stafford Regiment for garrison duty here.

It was originally intended to send the Battalion to the East, but the ship was diverted here.—*Reuter.*

[The 2nd Stafford's were to have been sent to Shanghai.]

giving the signal for a social revolt.

Had the plot developed, the blowing up of the Japanese Club at such a time must have involved a terrific loss of life.

THE NEW YORK STOCK BOOM CONTINUES.

RECORD SALES EXPECTED TO BE REACHED.

New York, Nov. 20.
Hundreds of thousands of speculators throughout the State watched another boiling stock market with pleasure and amazement. They saw stocks continue the startling advances which they have been making since Election Day. The boom in sales is expected to reach seven millions for the first time in the history of the Exchange.—*Reuter's American Service.*

COST OF SHANGHAI DEFENCE FORCE.

WAR OFFICE HAS SPENT OVER \$42,000,000.

London, Nov. 20.
It was revealed in the House of Commons to-day as the result of a question put to the Secretary for War, that the Shanghai Defence Force has so far cost the British Government, \$42,250,000, or over \$42,000,000.—*Reuter.*

NO ATTACK ON THE 8-HOUR DAY.

GOVERNMENT POLICY DEFENDED.

WASHINGTON CONVENTION VAGUE AND VEILED.

REVISION NECESSARY.

London, Nov. 20.
Britain's unwillingness to ratify the Washington Eight Hours Convention, which governs labour conditions, was debated in the House of Lords to-day on a motion by Lord Lytton, who moved that the Government should inform the International Labour Office at Geneva of the precise points on which they desired a revision of the Convention.

It will be recalled that the British delegate at the last meeting of the International Labour Office, dealt with the question at considerable length, urging that a Committee should be appointed to undertake a revision of the Convention. It was stated that industrial conditions in Great Britain made it impossible to conform to the Convention without considerable interference with existing satisfactory regulations.

Government Inactivity.

The Earl of Lytton criticised the Government, not so much for its attitude, but for its inactivity in the matter. He urged that in addition to the resolution before the House, the Government should be asked to publish a draft Bill, showing the necessary modifications in existing industrial agreements in Britain as a result of the ratification of the Convention in the amended form desired.

Lord Londonderry, replying on behalf of the Government, said that Britain was bound to maintain and to promote the application of the general principle of the eight hour day or the forty-eight hour week so far as our special circumstances permitted, because that was a part of our undertaking in the treaty of Versailles.

Veiled and Ambiguous.

The Text of the Convention, however, was found to be veiled and ambiguous, and it failed to provide the necessary guarantees for uniformity of practice after the ratification and made no allowance for the various industrial practices perfectly consistent with its main purposes.

The British Government was impressed by the fact that the interpretations given to the various Articles of the Convention by different countries were widely divergent.

Neither the present Conservative Government of this country, nor a Labour Government could ratify a Convention so inapplicable in its present shape to our particular circumstances, and containing such ambiguities.

Uniformity Desired.

We had no desire to oppose the principle of eight hours. We desired only to render the Convention an instrument under which uniformity of practice and enforcement would be assured by removing ambiguities, and making provision for the various industrial practices which in no way opposed the principle of Convention. The Government regarded it as premature to suggest or to publish the precise modifications of Convention desired.

Resolution Rejected.

He pointed out in justification of this attitude that the Governing Body expected to receive a report on all the Washington Conventions towards the end of the year.

Lord Londonderry reiterated that the Government did not desire to imperil the principle of a forty-eight hours' week, and the resolution was rejected by 35 votes to 17.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

COMMISSIONER NOT WANTED.

London, Nov. 20.
At its first meeting at St. John's to-day, Newfoundland's new Cabinet decided to abolish the London office of the Newfoundland High Commissioner.—*Reuter.*

BANK ROBBERIES IN NANKING.

ARMED HOLD-UPS IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

TWO DARING CRIMES.

Nanking, Nov. 20.
Two Chinese banks have been the victims of daylight hold-ups in the course of three days. Early this morning, a gang of armed robbers drove up to the premises of the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, some of them holding up the staff, while the rest rifled the tills.

The haul amounted to over \$10,000 and their car drove off before an alarm could be raised.

On Monday morning, the Keng-yuen Bank was held up in precisely the same manner and there is reason to suppose that the same gang was at work in both cases.

The staff were threatened with death if a shout was raised, and after rifling the tills and gathering several thousand dollars, the robbers got away safely.

The Police are now investigating but no arrests have been made.—*Reuter.*

CHINA MERCHANTS S.N. CO. TROUBLE.

FOREIGN OFFICERS STILL UNPAID.

Shanghai, Nov. 21.
There appears to be considerable internal trouble in the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company as the result of a dispute over the Director-Generalship.

A wide reorganisation of the Company's affairs is forecast. The discharged foreign officers and engineers have not received their back salaries, and one long-service engineer has failed to secure his pension, to which he was clearly entitled.

The present administration is apparently bent on repudiating the obligations of its predecessor.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

CARTRIDGE FACTORY EXPLOSION.

TWELVE KILLED IN FRENCH DISASTER.

Paris, Nov. 20.
Twelve persons were killed and several injured by an explosion in a cartridge factory at Vincennes to-day. An official inquiry will be held into the disaster, which damaged the building considerably.—*Reuter.*

As most of the workmen had gone home, the death-roll in the Vincennes explosion is less than at first feared. Only four were killed and four injured.—*Reuter.*

KIDNAPPERS CAUGHT IN SHANGHAI.

FRENCH POLICE MAKE BIG ARREST.

Shanghai, Nov. 21.
The French Police made extremely important arrests to-day, when they captured the kidnappers who abducted the compradore of the Malson Patha.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

THE TEAPOT DOME SCANDAL.

COLONEL STEWART FOUND NOT GUILTY.

Washington, Nov. 20.
Colonel Robert Stewart has been acquitted on charges of perjury arising out of his testimony before the Senate Committee investigating the Teapot Dome scandal.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DUBLIN TO HAVE OFFICIAL IN BERLIN.

Berlin, Nov. 20.
The German Government has approved of the request of the Irish Free State Government for the establishment of a Free State Legation in Berlin.—*Reuter.*

ATLANTIC LINER DISASTER.

MANY QUESTIONS IN COMMONS.

PROTECTING GOOD NAME OF DEAD CAPTAIN.

DIFFICULT POSITION.

London, Nov. 20.
Many questions were asked in the House of Commons to-day regarding the loss of the British liner Vestris, one of these turning on the matter of protecting the good name of the dead master, Captain Carey.

Replying to Commander Kenworthy (Labour), Mr. Williams said the form of the enquiry to be held in this country was not yet decided, but the enquiry would cover all material points.

Board of Trade Surveys.

As to the responsibilities of the Board of Trade, Mr. Williams said all passenger ships trading to and from ports in this country were thoroughly surveyed by the Board of Trade surveyors at least once a year. All ocean-going vessels carrying large numbers of third-class passengers underwent a further survey before the beginning of each voyage.

Asked whether the Inspector of the Board of Trade had any responsibility for the proper storage of cargo below decks, Mr. Williams replied that this responsibility rested on the persons concerned in sending ships to sea.

When Surveyors Intervene.

The Board of Trade surveyors did not intervene unless there was reason to think that the ship was improperly loaded and could not go to sea without danger to life.

He added that all British liners carried boats for all aboard, and, in addition, rafts up to twenty-five per cent. of the number of persons aboard.

The Captain's Good Name.

Commander Kenworthy asked what steps were being taken to protect, at the New York enquiry, the good name of the dead Captain.

Mr. Williams replied that proper instructions were cabled at the earliest moment to the British Consul-General at New York, but Mr. Williams stressed the difficulty of our position as regards a foreign tribunal.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

Negro Evidence.

New York, Nov. 20.
The presence of Captain McConkey, the Marine Superintendent of the Cunard Line at to-day's proceedings in the Vestris inquiry, apparently facilitated the evidence of the sailor witnesses. Both the nautical experts on the Bench questioned the witnesses and clarified their answers.

A negro fireman deposed that the conditions in the stokehold were so bad that it took four men to do the work of one.

Another Vestris inquiry has been instituted, namely an investigation by the Department of Commerce into the actual condition of the Vestris when she left New York.

"Outrageous Lie."

The Inspector-General, Mr. Hoover, presiding, said he had received information that the official who inspected the Vestris, Captain Keane, after a hearty breakfast and lunch aboard, sat at the ship's bar "swilling whisky and beer." According to his information, Captain Keane subsequently signed the certificate and left "rather unsteadily" with a small parcel under his arm.

"That's the most outrageous lie I have ever heard," shouted Captain Keane indignantly.

Captain Keane also emphatically denied the other charges. He declared that the lifeboats received the "most severe inspection in the history of the American and British merchant marine."

The inquiry was adjourned.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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THE CARVALHO YEO TRIAL.

MR. POTTER ON EVIDENCE OF FORGERY.

VISIT TO TREASURY.

At the trial of Carvalho Yeo yesterday, Mr. Potter pointed out the impossibility of the cheques being inadvertently signed by either Mr. Messer or Mr. Black without either noticing the amounts or the persons to whom they were made payable. Referring to the cheque in respect of Katz and Co., Mr. Potter said that during the war, when Mr. Messer was Captain Superintendent of Police, he had been very familiar with the firm of Katz and Co.

Knowing the firm as he did, it was impossible that Mr. Messer would sign a cheque for that amount unless they would believe that Mr. Messer had signed the cheque blindly.

During the whole of 1927, continued Mr. Potter, the Treasury had occasion to pay only nine cheques for amounts of over \$50,000, to firms other than Government Departments. Of these, two had been paid to the Hon. Treasurer of the Diocesan Boys' School, which meant that only seven had been made out to contractors.

Firms to whom these amounts had been paid during the past year included such well-known companies as the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Hongkong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Co., and the Sang Lee Contractors.

"Must be Forgeries."

On the procedure which was adopted in the Treasury and the sworn testimony of Mr. Messer and Mr. Black, the cheques must be forgeries.

Referring to the handwriting on the cheques, which purported to have been filled in by Tsang On-wing, counsel gave several grounds why the Crown alleged that the handwriting had been forged. He said that if the handwriting was not forged then Tsang had either filled in the cheques honestly or dishonestly.

Counsel showed that the body of the cheques had not been filled in honestly by stating that all cheques, when filled in, were entered in the register. The jury could see the register, which bore no entry relating to the cheques in question. There was not a single case during the 20 years' service of Tsang where he had omitted to make the necessary entry in the books. He was a man with an unblemished record.

Tsang Arrested.

Proceeding, Counsel took the alternative argument that the writing had been filled in dishonestly, which meant that Tsang was in league with the accused. Counsel pointed out to the jury that if that was the case, then Tsang was liable to arrest, in fact he had been arrested and put into gaol by the police, who at first thought that the cheques were in his handwriting. His arrest was inevitable. But, argued Counsel, Tsang, who would have been the first to have left the Government and absconded, had not done so. He would not have stayed in the Colony if the cheques had been dishonestly filled in by him.

If it was to be believed that Tsang had filled in the cheques, Counsel suggested that his only reason for staying in the Colony was in the hope that his genuine writing would be proved to be a forgery.

Counsel drew the jury's attention to the fact that at the end of December Tsang had actually made a report of the loss of the 60 cheques to Mr. Messer, but the latter, owing to the language diff-

culty, misunderstood him to say that he required 60 cheques more. Counsel asked if the jury believed that a man would make a report which would lead to enquiries being made if he had written out the cheques dishonestly.

There was again the absence of crossings on the cheques. It was the procedure of the Treasury to cross all cheques for amounts exceeding \$10,000. If any cheque was not crossed, Mr. Black would query it unless it was made out to a contractor who requested that it should not be crossed. Mr. Potter said that one uncrossed cheque might escape the notice of Mr. Black, but not four.

The accused was known to be skilful with the pen, said Counsel, who then produced cheques from the various banks as well as applications and other documents which bore the signature of the accused.

Counsel pointed out to the jury the adept manner in which the accused had signed each different alias in a different hand.

Facilities for Defence.

The Court adjourned at 11:15 a.m. On resuming Mr. Potter continued to state the case for the Crown, when he dealt with salient features of the forgery. He remarked that great facilities had been given to the defence, such facilities as would not have been given in the Criminal Court in London. The Crown had withheld nothing from the defence. Mr. Jenkin had been given full liberty to go to the bank and examine cheques signed by Mr. Messer and Mr. Black, but he added that he was still in the dark as to what that defence was.

Mr. Potter then proceeded to go through the cheques, drawing comparisons between the allegedly forged signatures and the genuine ones. The body of the three cheques, he continued, purported to be in Tsang's handwriting but there were certain things that Tsang himself would point out, when he gave his evidence, to support his contention that it was not his writing. Mr. Potter added, "I tell you this, that once I have told you the salient features of these forgeries—I am not allowed to make a bet in the Court—but I will wager that any of you gentlemen will pick out these forged cheques from any number of genuine cheques."

He continued that he himself did not think that the official of the Hongkong Bank who passed the cheques was in any way negligent. He was very unfairly deceived by the forged signatures, which were very good pieces of work. In any case the forgeries must have been good to have been passed by the Bank.

Cheques Compared.

Referring to Tsang On-wing's writing, Mr. Potter pointed out that the genuine figure "one" was a "Good, strong, fine, firm and fat line." A figure "nought" had a difference in thickness, the downward stroke being thicker than the upward stroke. Also both downward strokes in Tsang's "four" were thicker, while the connecting line was thin. When compared with the forged cheques, Mr. Potter pointed out that the "One" was not made with the firm stroke that Tsang invariably used and the "Four" was not made with the two decisive strokes connected with a thinner one. The "one" and "four" were made more thinly and were of the same thickness.

Mr. Potter produced the stub of an Instant Banking Corporation cheque written on by the accused on which, fortunately, a "One" and "Four" appeared. He said it was clear from the comparison that the man who wrote the "One" and "Four" on the stub also wrote those figures on the forged cheques. A "Nought" on the stub was exactly the same thickness all the way round.

Counsel for the Crown then dealt with the letters "Y" and "W" saying that if they looked through

Tsang's genuine cheques they would invariably find that the down stroke of the "Y" was thicker than the upstroke. Mr. Sheldon, who had examined the cheques, had found only one out of 502 where the down stroke was about of the same thickness as the upstroke. On the forged cheques the jury would find that the upstroke of "Y" was in fact heavier than the down stroke.

Formation of "Z."

Dealing with the formation of "Z" in the word "Katz," Mr. Potter said there was a capital "Z" instead of a small one. The letter "Z" was rather unusual as the terminating letter in a word, therefore it was fair to assume that the forger had had some difficulty in getting such a "Z" in Tsang's handwriting. Tsang would tell them that he never used the letter either in the middle of a word or at the end as other than a small "Z." Mr. Black would say that he had been through the cheque register kept by Tsang for 1927 and there was not a single cheque which bore a "Z" formed otherwise.

The letter "K" in the forged Min-Tak cheque was what he (Mr. Potter) would call an ordinary small "K." On a genuine cheque they would see that the end "K" could be called a capital.

Continuing, Mr. Potter went on to say that they would find a strong characteristic of Tsang's handwriting in the words "And Co." Tsang wrote the "C" more like a "B." On the forged cheques the jury would notice that the words were written in the same way, looking like "Bor" and "Cots." Tsang used an ordinary capital "C" with a loop at the bottom. In the Man Lee forged cheque that formation was reproduced all right, but if the other two cheques were referred to they would find that the "Bo" formation had been used.

Further, when Tsang wrote noughts in figures he left no space at the tops. On the forgeries they were nearly all open. Of 100 of Tsang's cheques examined, only eight had an open "0." Also, an "E" showed no loop while one of Tsang's genuine cheques showed a very clear loop.

Other Signatures.

Going on to deal with the signatures of Mr. Messer and Mr. Black, Mr. Potter commented that there again the forger had to produce the best forgery he could. They would bear in mind that the bank official who passed the cheques had only in his mind a mental picture of the signatures of Mr. Messer and Mr. Black. "I put it to you that whereas that official might very well and did, in fact, pass those signatures as being genuine, if he had had before him the genuine cheques, no official of the bank would have passed them."

With regard to these two signatures, Mr. Potter asked the jury to note the striking regularity of the signatures. They were all good bold signatures. If, however, they were to take any number of genuine cheques they would find the most astonishing variations. With regard to Mr. Black, they would notice that the "B" commenced in exactly the same spot on each of the forgeries, just over the "C" of the word "Cashier." In the genuine cheques the "B" started over the middle of the word "Cashier." Also with regard to the down stroke of the initial "T," it was well outside the "C" on the forgeries and was inclined slightly to the right. On the genuine cheques the "T" sloped to the left. Also a tick on the top of the "T" and a tick at the end of the letter "K" were absent on the genuine signatures.

Referring to the signatures of Mr. Messer, Mr. Potter proceeded to deal with a peculiarity of the letter "C" in "McL," pointing out that its formation was different on the forgeries. After referring to differences in the lines drawn by Mr. Messer under his

MIAO'S APPEAL.

FOUR-HOUR ADDRESS FAILS TO CONVINCE.

London, Nov. 20. The appeal of Chung Yi-miao against the sentence of death for the murder of his wife, has been dismissed, after he had addressed the Court for four hours.—Our Own Correspondent.

Conducts Own Case.

London, Nov. 20. Chung Yi-miao appeared in the Appeal Court loaded with documents, and dispensed with counsel and conducted his own case, because "the Almighty told me to tell my own story."

He spoke for over three and a half hours, alleging he was the victim of prejudice and misunderstanding.

He called fresh witnesses to support his original statement that mysterious Orientals had been seen near the spot where his wife's body was discovered. The appeal was dismissed.—*Reuter.*

[Chung Yi-miao, aged 28, a Chinese law student, was convicted of murdering his wealthy bride, Wai Sheung-siu, in Lake-land Wood, last August, and was sentenced to death. The tragedy occurred while the couple, who were married in America, were on their honeymoon in England. Both were well-known Chinese, the bride coming of a family with local connections.]

After the jury's verdict at the original trial, the accused protested vigorously, and declared his innocence. He referred to some of the evidence given, and the Judge said: "Miao, I am sorry to interrupt you, but I do not think you appreciate that the jury have convicted you. I have no power to re-try the case nor have they. You have the aid of experienced counsel, who will advise you if there is anything in your interest to be done. There is the Court of Criminal Appeal to which you may be able to appeal."

Miao—"If this is my last moment, I did not kill my wife." Passing sentence of death, Mr. Justice Humphreys said: "I believe the verdict of the jury to be a right one. I agree with it."

signature, as compared with the forgeries, Mr. Potter pointed out how far from the right-hand side of the cheque the signatures ended, adding that in the forgeries the distance was very great. He also asked the jury to note the general slope of the signature as compared with the forgeries.

Mr. Potter added that there was not a single genuine cheque which combined all these discrepancies.

Accused's Statements.

Concluding his address, Mr. Potter dealt with the accused's statements when charged. Answering a charge of forgery the accused said "I did not do the forgery of the cheque. I will only say that now and anything I can do for the Government I will do in court." Mr. Potter commented that the accused had not said that the cheques were not forged and they were still waiting for his promised assistance.

Replying to two other charges of forgery, the accused merely replied that they were "About the same."

When charged with uttering, the accused said "I think I will not say anything about this here. I will do it in court. That is all."

After commenting that the accused had at once appreciated the position, Mr. Potter confined his last remarks to explaining that the accused was rightly entitled to the benefit of the doubt if the jury had any doubt in their minds.

The Court then adjourned and shortly afterwards proceeded to the Treasury Offices to make an inspection.

HIDING IS GOOD FOR THE LIVER.

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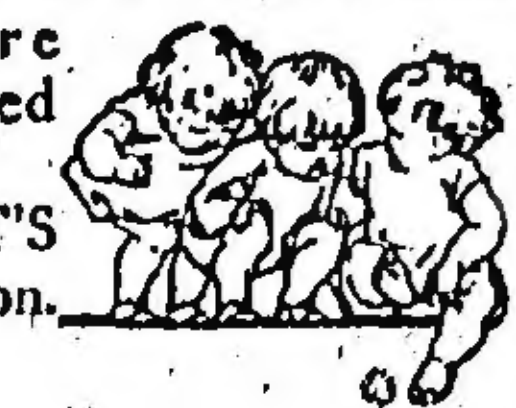
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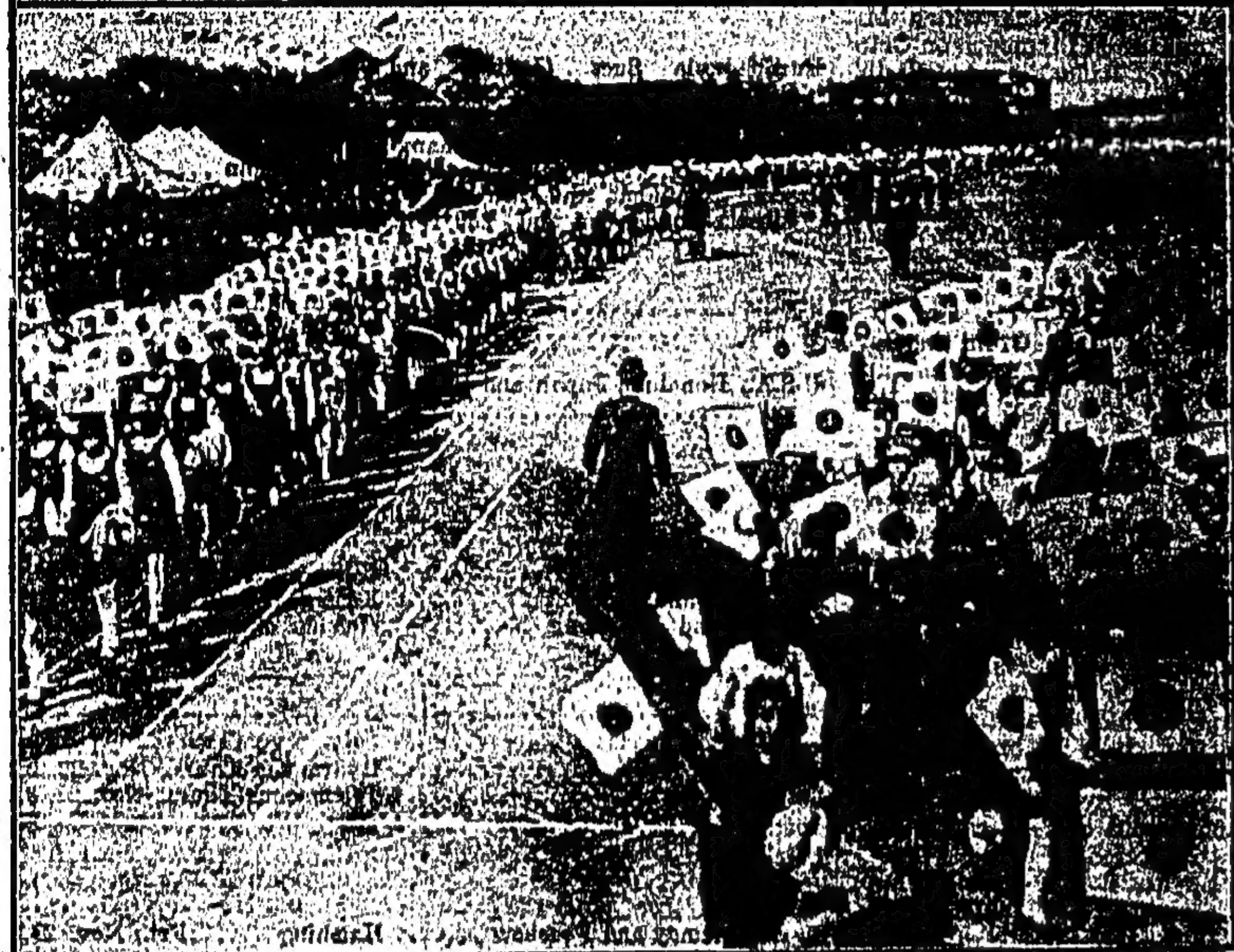
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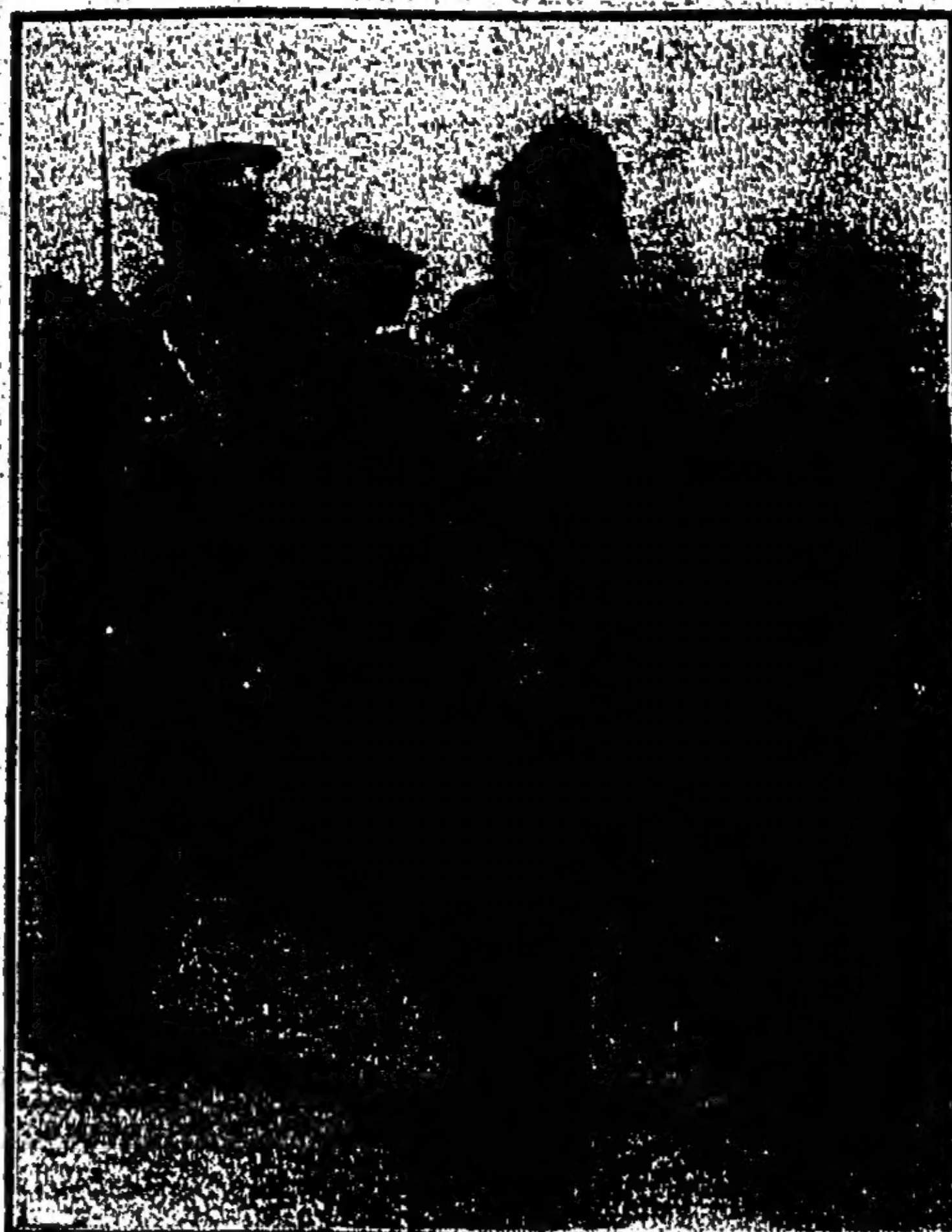
BUT IT AINT! I HAVEN'T COUNTED WHAT'S IN THOSE CANS YET—THEY'VE GOT ME PUZZLED!

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Scenes in Shanghai during the Japanese celebrations of the enthronement of the Emperor. All official buildings, business premises and private houses were decorated, and many of them were illuminated at night. Top picture is of a section of Quinsan Road. Bottom picture shows Japanese children taking part in a massed game at Hongkew Park during the festivities.



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This picture gives a vivid impression of the devastation which followed the hurricane in its passage over the East coast of America. The photo was taken in the Lake Okeechobee region and shows the remains of a school, and the terrible floods.



Maj. Georges Scapini, blind French war hero (left), riding in American Legion parade at San Antonio, with Gen. Milton J. Foreman of Chicago.



Here is an interesting picture of the famous "windmill" flying machine that crashed soon after it had completed a London-Paris flight. It is shown at Le Bourget Field, near Paris, just after Juan de la Cierva (front seat) and his passenger landed.

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Mercantile A. & B., \$24 n.
P. and O., \$91 n.
East Asia, \$80 b.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$675 n.
Union Ins., \$362 n.
North China Ins., \$160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$250 a.
China Firs, \$280 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$780 s.

Shipping.
Douglas, \$381 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$28 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$160 n.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$72 b.
Shell Trans., \$118/- b.
Union Waterboats, \$231 b.

Mining.
Benquet, \$250 b.
Kailans, 75/- n.
Lampaka, \$11 n.
S'hai Exploration, \$1.20 b.
Rauhs, \$51 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$137 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$37 n.
China Providents, \$5.25 n.
Hongkwa, \$156 n.
New Engineering, \$1.51 b.
Shanghai Docks, \$105 b.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, \$12.85 b.
Orientals, \$1.25 b.
S'hai Cottons, \$1.65 (old) b.
Landa, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$9 b.
H. K. Lands, \$661 b.
S'hai Lands, \$138 b.
Humphreys, \$15.75 s.
Realities, \$8.85 n. X. Div.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$19.25 a.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 b.
Star Ferries, \$671 s.
China Lights, (old) \$13.40 n.
H. K. Electric, \$52.25 b.
Macao Electric, \$261 b.
Telephones, \$5.65 X. Rights n.
China Buses, \$11 b.
Singapore Tractions, 12/- n.

Industrials.
China Sugar, .05 sa.
Malabona, \$221 b.
Canton Ice, \$3.50 s.
Cements (Comb.), \$8.70 s.
Ropes (Old), \$7.60 n.
United Asbestos, \$5 n.
Blosses &c.

Dairy Farms, \$22.90 a.
Watsons, \$141 b.
Der A. Wing, 75 b.
Lano Crawford, \$3.05 n.
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"FACTS" ABOUT THE 1923 ELECTION.

MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN'S DENIALS.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, has given an emphatic denial to certain passages in "The Real Man in Public Life" (a recently-published book by Mr. A. P. Nicholson, who was recently Political Correspondent of the "Westminster Gazette"), regarding himself and his brother, Sir Austen, in relation to Mr. Baldwin's decision in 1923 to appeal to the country.

"It is pure imagination," Mr. Neville Chamberlain declared, "and has not the remotest relation to the facts of the case."

Mr. Nicholson's version of these circumstances under which Mr. Baldwin decided in 1923 to appeal to the country.

"The immediate reason in Mr. Baldwin's mind, was to try and secure unity in his party. The decision was announced in effect to the country in the speech which Mr. Baldwin made at Plymouth on October 25th. Parliament being dissolved three weeks afterwards. At the week-end preceding the Plymouth speech, there had gathered at Chequer a house party among whom was Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who had a particular reason for his visit.

"Unity at Stake"
"From the first, he had felt acutely the severance from the Government of his brother Austen, and he had come to the conclusion that he could not any longer remain in the Government, unless re-union was effected. This was a serious matter for Mr. Baldwin, who had only been in the saddle five months and felt the weakness of his personal position. Mr. Neville Chamberlain's view was that in order to neutralise Sir (then Mr.) Austen Chamberlain's loyalty to Mr. Lloyd George the tariff issue should be raised. This he felt must rally his brother to the Government, but owing to the pledge given by Mr. Bonar Law the issue could only be raised at a General Election.

"Unity was at stake, and perhaps the life of the Government. Throughout the Sunday afternoon at Chequer Mr. Neville Chamberlain and Mr. Baldwin paced the lawn together, debating every aspect of the question. The subsidiary reasons from the Conservative point of view were strong. Mr. Baldwin was profoundly influenced by this conversation, and since Admiral Hall and other organisers were in sympathy with a tariff election, he straightway took his decision."

AN EX-POLICEMAN'S CLAIM.

COMMISSION FOR SENDING CASES TO EX-SOLICITOR.

Judge Turner, at Westminster County Court had before him an action brought by Mr. John Daniel Hayes, trading as the Citizens' Protection Association, South-street, E.C., private inquiry agent, against Mr. Charles Thomas Wilkinson, an ex-solicitor, of Lancaster-place, Strand. In this £50 2s. was claimed as commission due respecting cases that were sent by Hayes to Wilkinson.

Mr. Herbert Metcalfe was counsel for Wilkinson, and Hayes appeared in person.

Judge Turner—What were these cases?

Mr. Hayes—Accident cases introduced to Wilkinson in 1924-25-26. On what terms?—At ten per cent. On the money recovered?—Four shillings in the pound on any sum recovered, to cover expenses and costs of inquiry. I was also to receive 30s. a week if I brought four or five or more cases a week.

In cross-examination by Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Hayes said he was an ex-Metropolitan policeman. He was the sole proprietor of the Citizens' Protection Association. "Mr. H. J. Riley, secretary," was himself. He thought that with an Irish name he would get a bit of business from Ireland.

Mr. Metcalfe—Isn't Riley and Co. also the "L.S.S.A.," and what is that?

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Mr. Wilkinson, in evidence, said that his agreement with Hayes was to collect the ten per cent. commission which people agreed to pay him, and pay it over to him when settlement was made. "The costs were my own," he added.

Judge Turner said that Hayes' only interest in these cases was to make a living for himself. He was intermeddling in matters with which he had no concern at all. His conduct was entirely different from that of a solicitor taking up a speculative action.

He dismissed the claim, with costs against Hayes on Scale C, and allowed a special fee to solicitor and counsel for the defence.

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Parcels, 18th Oct.	Naldora
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Japan, Shanghai, and Europe via Siberia	Khyber
London via Suez (Letters and Papers)	Empress of France
London 30th Oct.	Atsuta Maru
Straits	Pres. Grant
Manila	Pres. Grant
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Straits	Seistan
Swatow	Hydrangus
Saloon	Telemachus
Shanghai	Chinkiang
Straits and Calcutta	Fook Sang
Parcels	Parcels
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hatching
Wei Hai Wei	Hulchow
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Manila Pres. Lincoln Sat., Nov. 24, 4.30 p.m.
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Holhow Pakhow and Haiphong Sun., Nov. 25, 9 a.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Sun., Nov. 25, 9 a.m.
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Flower styles feature sturdy chrysanthemums in tawny tones in a boutonniere for street wear (above), or, child's roses and ferns in the new large shoulder bouquet for afternoon, and, tiny roses and lilies of the valley for the newest of all, the ankle bouquet.

A Problem

DRESSING THE GIRL OF FIFTEEN.

It is one of the most difficult things in the world to dress the girl of fifteen, for at that age childhood is past and womanhood is still far away.

Her features are often awkward, and her mind is filled with thoughts of games, lessons, books, and the few parties she is allowed to attend. Clothes have not yet become of paramount importance to her—for that she must wait two or three years—but, still, she must be dressed becomingly and charmingly.

Simplicity, of course, is the first thing to be considered where the young girl's dress is concerned, be it for morning, afternoon, sports, or evening wear.

Her morning dresses should be of some such stuff as crepe-de-chine marocain, mousseline, or any other materials of the kasha order. They are made with little round necks, long, close-fitting sleeves, and knee-length skirts. Sometimes there is a tunic, sometimes a little drapery replaces the tunic, and always a little *ceinture*, either of the fabric of the dress or in leather, encircles the waist-line, usually at the normal.

For the afternoon, a girl's dress may have many flounces, spiral ones, which wind and twist about the frock in a very attractive manner; or, she may have a little frock with dipping panels, side draperies, inset godets. The materials for afternoon frocks are much the same as those for morning wear.

For evening wear, a young girl of fifteen may wear satin, crepe-de-chine mousseline-de-soie, tulle even. But she must eschew laces, brocades, or falfie, these being too old for her.

A Dainty Frock.



Chenille-spotted shell-pink net makes a lovely little dance frock. It is posed over a slim tucked foundation of plain pink net, which fabric is used also for a deep hem, to the skirt and a narrow one to the kerchief.

For the Home.

FIRST AID CUPBOARD VERY ESSENTIAL.

The awful moment is known in every home when some minor accident occurs—a cut finger, a burnt hand, a crushed nail, and a dozen other hurts which call for instant attention.

Getting a first aid cupboard is like insuring one's life or making one's will—the moment of action is usually relegated to some other day. But what criminal negligence this may prove to be for everyone concerned! This is particularly true in the case of small accidents where promptitude is essential, and where a little soothing ointment or disinfectant may make the whole difference between some trivial hurt or a most serious ill.

The constant risk should make every woman feel it her immediate duty, especially where there are children about, to provide herself with a fully-equipped, easily-accessible first-aid cupboard. Then, when the emergency arises, she can place her hand at once on the remedies, without ransacking the house in a fever of anxiety for the bandage which she knows is "somewhere."

Avoiding Disaster.

Most important in such emergencies is the need for immediate attention. For example, the early

treatment of a small burn with caron oil decides whether a painful or a painless wound results. Similarly, a cut bandaged immediately with antiseptic prevents the torn flesh from becoming dirty and the always imminent risk of infection.

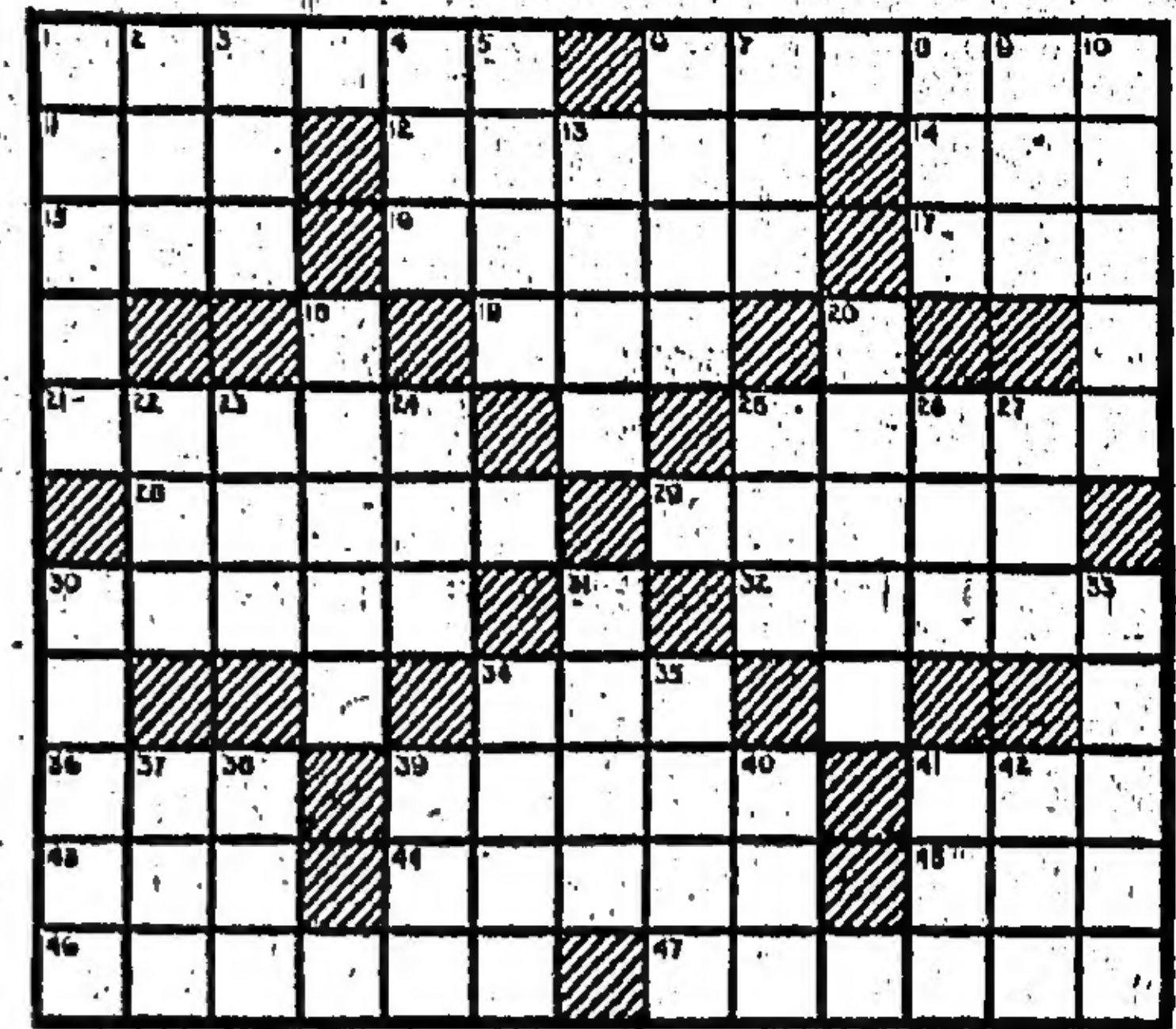
A first-aid cupboard can be arranged, even in the most modest home, with ease and little expense. Any small cupboard, which must be kept exclusively for the first-aid equipment, is suitable. It should be painted inside and outside with white enamel paint, which may easily be washed. Small, rustless hooks should be fixed on the inside on which to hang scissors, safety pins, and similar necessities.

Method is essential in arranging the cupboard. A good plan is for tall bottles to go at the back; boxes, ointments, and other similar things in front. So that the cupboard may be of use to those ignorant of the subject a book on first aid should certainly be added. This should contain a list of poison antidotes, which are hard to remember and may prove invaluable in a crisis.

The following table forms an excellent basis for such a cupboard:

Plain lint.	Iodine solution.
Boric lint.	Boric lotion.
Cotton wool.	Lead lotion.
Gauze.	Eye "bath."
Bandages.	Scissors.
Boric ointment.	Forceps.
Adhesive plaster.	Safety pins.
Carroll oil.	Carbolic lotion.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



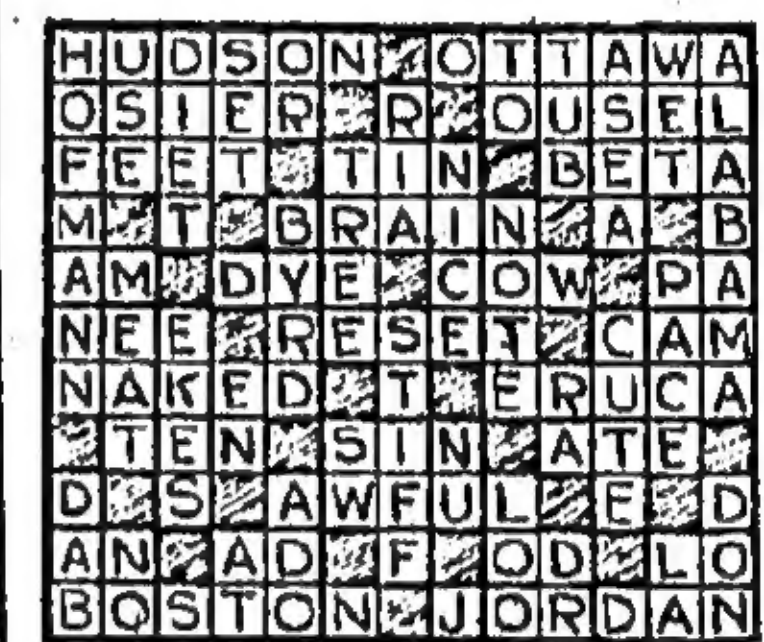
Horizontal

- 1 What American silversmith made a famous night ride during the Revolutionary War?
- 6 What city in Russia is called the "Holy Mother of Russia"?
- 11 Yellow bugle.
- 12 Artist's frame.
- 14 Reverential fear.
- 15 To permit.
- 16 To incline in a direction.
- 17 Tiny golf device.
- 19 Sorrowful.
- 21 To warble.
- 25 Dries by rubbing.
- 28 To restore.
- 29 Pertaining to punishment.
- 30 Barrier made of wire and posts.
- 32 Bulb flower.
- 34 Feather scarf.
- 36 Organ of sight.
- 39 To rub out.
- 41 Peak.
- 43 To return a ball on the high curve.
- 44 Badger-like mammal.
- 45 Some.
- 46 What city is the capital of the "Irish Free State"?
- 47 What were the countries that united in fighting Germany during the World War, called?

Vertical

- 1 What poet wrote "The Raggedy Man"?
- 2 Night preceding a holiday.
- 3 Tanner's vessel.
- 4 To soak flax.
- 5 Organs of hearing.
- 6 To repair.
- 7 Ancient.
- 8 Feline animal.
- 9 To be in debt.
- 10 Cries.
- 13 To close with wax.
- 18 Away.
- 20 A envy.
- 22 Native metal.
- 23 Lair of a beast.
- 24 Sheltered place.
- 25 Moist.
- 26 Constant companion.
- 27 Prophet who trained Samuel.
- 30 What poet wrote "Little Boy Blue"?
- 31 Deep trench around a castle.
- 33 What English statesman gained world-wide fame because of his published "diary"?
- 34 Coarse, chaffy part of ground grain.
- 35 Toward sea.
- 37 Second personal pronoun.
- 38 To recede.
- 39 Silk worm.
- 40 Measure of cloth.
- 41 Favourite Japanese fish.
- 42 Unit.

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MILLAR.—On the 18th inst., at the French Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Millar of 12A, Yee Kwong Terrace, a daughter.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21, 1928

THE RHINELAND.

Once again the question of the Rhineland occupation has been brought to the fore by the unambiguous declarations of Dr. Stresemann, the German Foreign Minister, on the subject. He asserts that Germany maintains her claim for the immediate evacuation of the entire occupied region, adding that she cannot, in return, assume any political burdens which would last beyond the terms of the pledged reparation. Whilst stating that negotiations are continuing for a settlement of the reparations problem, Dr. Stresemann stated that Germany will not enter into any financial engagements as the price of military evacuation of the Rhineland. These comments are in line with the attitude which the German Government has all along taken on this vitally important question, and it now remains to be seen what reaction there will be by Britain and France in particular to Dr. Stresemann's latest pronouncements, especially as the matter is at the moment engaging the attention of statesmen in London and Berlin, who are acting in conjunction with Belgium, Italy and Japan, the other Powers concerned.

The complete and early evacuation of the Rhineland has certainly been discussed of late as a serious proposition, but there would not appear to be any evidence that there is a prospect of unconditional withdrawal. The evacuation problem is also being linked with the suggested new reparations settlement, but the discussion would appear to be carried into the realm of speculation when we come to the possibility of new financial arrangements without active American co-operation. Some weeks ago, there was a suggestion abroad that the Germans might be disposed to accept some temporary control, or machinery of investigation, which would be associated with the Treaty of Locarno and operate on both sides of the front.

tier. One commentator hinted that Germany might even agree, in some such form, to an extension of control even beyond 1935, the date when, under Treaty, the occupation would in any case cease. That idea was later disposed of by a statement that whilst Germany would agree to the formation of new commissions for regulating war debts and reparations, any permanent post of frontier observation would, most likely be opposed unless complete evacuation of the Rhineland took place first, and then only up to the official date for this evacuation. The latest official declaration from German sources on the subject makes it clear that the Berlin Government is not disposed to make any marked concession on any of the points raised.

Dr. Stresemann and his colleagues have, of course, to take due note of public opinion in Germany on these questions, and there cannot be any doubt that feeling runs on very definite lines on the Rhineland problem in particular. The German people hold that the occupation of the Rhine Valley is no longer necessary in view of the existence of the Locarno Pact, numerous arbitration treaties and the Kellogg understanding. These agreements, it is urged, preclude the likelihood of any aggression on the part of Germany. A further point made is that sufficient guarantees already exist in the proviso under the Versailles Treaty concerning the 50-kilometre zone on the eastern bank of the Rhine which must remain demilitarised. There is, of course, logic in the suggestion that the No-War Pact, if it means what it says, must outweigh any technical guarantees, and there would seem to be little doubt that the withdrawal of the Occupation armies would strengthen pacific sentiment in Europe.

M. C. C. in Great Form.

The M. C. C. team in Australia has had all the inspiration of a splendid start to put it on good terms with itself, and the wonderful success of the new hands, D.R. Jardine, Hammond, Ernest Tyldesley and Ames adds to the general confidence. True it is that in five matches, the team has secured only one victory, but that was the last and perhaps the most important. In all the other games, the M.C.C. has, by brilliant batting, built up a formidable position. Against the two strongest States in the country, Victoria and New South Wales, the eleven scored 486 and 734 for seven wickets respectively, and in the latter game, Hendren and Hammond put up a new wicket partnership record. The brilliant way in which the side has proved itself as a batting force is best shown by the aggregate of the first four matches, revealing that over 2,500 runs have been compiled for the loss of 31 wickets! Doubtless as to the quality of the bowling, however, are still unalloyed. For encouragement we must look to the match against the Australian XI, which was sent back for 231 runs in the first innings and 243 in the second. It is notable that Larwood and Tate were partners in attack for the first time, and that both met with a fair measure of success. We have never yet introduced our full array of bowling talent against any side, though it would be easy to over-stress this point. It may be taken as a favourable omen, however, that A. P. F. Chapman, the youthful English skipper, has developed the habit of winning the toss, and we hope it will continue as it did with E. S. Jackson in a memorable series of Test matches in which the supremacy of English cricket was asserted in days of yore. We have the advantage now of knowing the probable composition of the Australian team for the First Test which commences at Brisbane on Friday week. A casual glance at the powerful array suffices to prepare us for plenty of runs. In the ranks are numbered at least seven batsmen who have earned high reputation, while there will certainly be no tail. On the score of batting, despite the uncertainty of cricket, England has little to fear, and it would seem, if anything, that our bowling is a trifle the more dependable. Hammond has achieved some success with the ball, which is particularly pleasing. He possesses pace off the pitch which is one of the main essentials on Australian wickets. Interest is keener than it has been for many years, largely because the M.C.C. is able to view the great struggle with much confidence.

DAY BY DAY.

WE ARE ACCUSTOMED TO SEE MEN DERIDE WHAT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND, AND SNARL AT THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL BECAUSE IT LIES BEYOND THEIR SYMPATHIES.—Goethe.

The P. and O. s.s. Khyber, from Shanghai, is due here on Friday at 4 a.m.

From the American Express Co. we have received a useful wall calendar issued by the Red Star Line.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. R. J. Vernall, architect, "The Blarney Stone," Pokfulam, to Miss K. L. Alderwick, No. 29, Belmont Road, St. Andrew's Park, Bristol.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows five cases of small-pox, three of typhoid and one of paratyphoid. One case of typhoid was British and the paratyphoid case Portuguese. All the others were Chinese.

In the list of acknowledgments to those who have assisted towards the success of "The Sport of Kings," the Committee of the A.D.C. regrets having inadvertently omitted the name of the Star Ferry Company.

A most attractive programme has been arranged for the Helena May Musicale to-morrow evening. Amongst the contributors will be Mrs. Balean, Mrs. Griggs, Mme. Bonenfant, Miss E. C. Carroll, Mrs. Cushman and Mrs. Womack.

Passengers on the Star Ferry launch shortly after 11 o'clock this morning witnessed a harbour mishap, when a fire-boat ran into a junk. The latter craft was badly damaged, but it managed to keep afloat and was towed to safety by the fire-boat.

A Chinese woman, who was convicted by Mr. E. L. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of being in unlawful possession of 1,030 false opium labels was fined \$100, or six weeks' hard labour. The defendant, who was arrested at No. 45, Tin Liu Street, alleged that someone had planted the labels in her cubicle.

With nine previous convictions against him, including six banishment orders, a Chinese, who was charged before Mr. E. L. Wynne-Jones, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with returning from banishment, was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour and 24 strokes of the birch. The defendant was deported for ten years in 1925.

H.M.S. Herald is due to arrive in Hongkong on November 28th and the Iroquois on December 1st. H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, left Kagoshima for Mitsugi on Tuesday. The transport Taming, which brought the remainder of the Beds and Herbs to Hongkong from the North, has sailed for Shanghai.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G., has kindly consented to formally open the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, on Tuesday, December 11, at 4.30 p.m. The Directorate of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., are holding a reception at the hotel from 4.30 to 6 p.m. on that date, invitations to which are now in course of despatch.

St. Andrew's Ball organised by the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society will be held in the City Hall on Friday, November 30, at 9.30 p.m. A Practice Dance will take place there on Friday, November 23, at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present are requested to send in their applications to Mr. E. M. Brydon, the Hon. Secretary care of Messrs. Love, Bingham and Matthews.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that the photograph of a group of girl students which appeared in our Pictorial Supplement last Saturday was wrongly described as being a graduate class from St. Stephen's Girls' College. In point of fact it was a photograph of women undergraduates residing in St. Stephen's Hall—a women's hostel of the University. Miss Griffin is the Warden of this Hostel, and not headmistress of St. Stephen's Girls' College.

No less than 21 cases of small-pox were reported to the Medical Officer of Health last week, 29 of these occurring in Kowloon. Two were imported. During the same period there was one case of diphtheria and one of enteric fever. All were Chinese. There were nine deaths from small-pox and one from enteric. Yesterday's return contained four cases of small-pox (three from Kowloon), two of enteric fever and one of paratyphoid fever. All the victims were Chinese.

LOCAL DOCTOR'S WEDDING.

MISS HUNTER WEDDED TO DR. DURRAN.

A wedding of much interest took place at the Peak Church this afternoon, when Miss Katharine Hunter (second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Hunter, of Arngask, Perthshire, and of 10, Great King Street, Edinburgh) became the bride of Dr. John Durran (eldest son of the late Dr. John G. Durran, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, and Mrs. Durran, of 131, Warrender Park Road, Edinburgh). The Rev. J. Horace Johnstone officiated, whilst Mr. R. Baldwin was at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. C. J. Cooke, looked very charming in a picture dress of oyster brocade satin, with diamonds buttons on corsage and a cluster of orange blossoms and white heather. She also wore a long tulle veil surmounted with

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—

A privately-organised library was established in Hongkong in 1848?

This organisation ran a library and reading rooms and led the way to the formation many years later of the City Hall Public Library.

In 1871, this private library was transformed into a Club, known as the Victoria Club.

orange blossoms and carried a cream coloured bag embroidered with gold. Her bouquet was of cream chrysanthemums.

Miss Anne Cooke was the bridesmaid, and she was attired in a pretty Kate Greenaway dress of 'turquoise' chamoise, with a light-fitting cap of cream lace. She wore a gold wrist watch, the gift of the bridegroom, and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

Mr. Graeme Hugh Jones was the "best man."

After the ceremony, a reception was held at "The Haystack," when the customary toasts were honoured.

The bride's going-away dress is a jumper suit of beige crepe de chine, with coat of beige and gold thread, and a powder blue felt hat, with martin stole, beige handbag with embroidery in pastel shades and an antique carnelian necklace.

The bridal couple were the recipients of over 200 presents.

"THE SPORT OF KINGS."

ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS LAST NIGHT.

There is no questioning the popularity and success of the A.D.C.'s latest production "The Sport of Kings." Last night's "house" enjoyed itself immensely and was not slow to express its appreciation of the players who have given Hongkong one of the brightest shows we have enjoyed for a long time. Jan Hay's broad farce is so good that it is almost bound to "go over" anywhere, but the A.D.C. cast make the utmost of it and deserve our thanks.

The theatre was full, among those present being H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Southern, with party.

Honours must go to that veteran amateur among us, Mr. W. A. Hannibal, who impersonates Amos Purdie, a rich and well-meaning old chap whose greed for money leads him into the sin of gambling on race horses. Mr. Hannibal's is a fine piece of characterisation.

Mr. G. Stopani Thomson was excellently cast for the role of Algy, and he carries through this important part with the necessary breeziness and gaiety. His stage "business" is excellent. As his docile partner in crime, (Lord Toohill) Mr. O. C. Warner, admirably provides the necessary contrast.

The three leading ladies of the cast, Margaret Chubb, Lucy Greenhill and Evelyn Harriman, have much to do with the success of the production for there has been a very happy choice of parts all round and the players really excel themselves.

Mr. C. P. Marcel, as Bates the scoundrel butler, is excellent, and the same has to be said of all the other members of the cast—one of the strongest the A.D.C. has ever recruited. One spends a very happy evening.

Owing to the heavy booking for Saturday, reservations can also be made for the pit stall seats.

The Very Idea!

Dr. Watts Eden was gently satirical recently about a certain popular health propaganda. He said:

"The public is told that good health will inevitably be the lot of all who eat a rather indigestible form of bread and who drink paraffin regularly. I have often wondered what happens when the distinguished dietetic surgeon who writes these articles gives a dinner party."

Well, there is the recent testimony of so high an authority as Dean Inge, who recently discoursed on the occasional discrepancy between precept and example: "I have dined with doctors, and I have done business with moralists; and I know."

A visitor was explaining to the second grade in the public school the advantages of fur-lined garments, and added, "It is better to wear the fur inside instead of outside, because it is much warmer."

A little girl on the back seat held up her hand.

"If it's so much warmer to wear fur on the inside, why don't the animals wear it that way?"

[A leading authority on physics says that there is no evidence that the release of energy in the atom can be hastened by human agency.]

Stout little fellow, though they try to split you,
You are not found divisible as yet.

Though simply full of energy and
grik you
Still totally decline to be upset.
They cannot find a harness that will fit you.

Which is, I think, small matter for regret,
For if you got the bit between your teeth,
You might disintegrate the world beneath.

Though some may think it is a pleasant notion,
That one small atom's energy might send
Our greatest liner right across the ocean—

If the wee body did but descend—
You still suppress your long pent-up emotion
Perhaps because you are the miner's friend

And dead his poignant sorrow when he hears
An ounce of coal may last a million years.

But, though I don't go quite as far as saying
That harnessing the atom is a sin,
It seems a dangerous game that they are playing.

The fireman who freed the bottled djinn
Found that huge monster tardy in obeying,
And what a mess the poor wretch landed in!

There is one point the savants don't discuss—
Suppose the atom were to harness us?

That Sir Ronald Ross, who discovered the secret of malaria, should be moved to turn his scientific records into money, is deplorable. Otherwise, no particular credit to the generation he has served.

Impatience with "economic laws" is much reinforced by the contrast between their indifference to the triumphs of knowledge and their recognition of many more ambiguous activities. Even Scott's heroic end in the Antarctic could only extort a miserly concession to his last request. The work of Sir Ronald Ross has saved more lives, perhaps, than anything in our time, but it counts for neither profit nor reward.

Defendant: I took some rum for me cold in the head, but the rum joined the cold. That's how I got drunk.

Another defendant (arrested for drunkenness): What's a man got to do this weather, except get drunk?

Witness (in Summons Court): The defendant got into areas with his rent.

"My neighbour says to me, 'My cat is very ill' and I says to her, 'Then get it in hospital.' It may be something catching and we shall all get it," said a woman at Willesden Police Court on Saturday.

"With that she says to me, 'You would send my poor cat to hospital, would you? I will break your neck for you!'—and she did."

A motoring party came to a swiftly flowing river and were startled to see an infant seated on a stump overhanging the rushing water, while a small boy, evidently the baby's brother, played some distance away. A lady in the party called the boy severely to account for his negligence.

"Aw, he can't fall in," answered the youngster. "I nailed his shirt to the stump."

The father of a boy who was accused at Greenwich of begging said his son was suffering from the after-effects of encephalitis lethargica (sleepy sickness).

EUROPEAN STRIKES
CHAUFFEUR.DEFENDANT ALLEGES HE WAS
SPAT UPON.

CROSS SUMMONSES.

Admitting that he struck the man, but that he did so only after having been spat upon three times, Mr. B. Pasco, of Messrs. Brewer and Company, Pedder Street, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning at the Central Police Court, as defendant in an assault summons brought by Kwong Wah, a public car-driver. In connection with the incident which is said to have preceded the alleged assault, Mr. Pasco brought a cross-summons against the driver for disorderly conduct provocative of a breach of the peace.

Mr. Horace Lo, who appeared for the driver, called for particulars concerning the nature of the disorderly conduct as alleged in the cross-summons against his client.

Splitting and Swearing.

Mr. Pasco:—He spat on me three times and used obscene language in Chinese.

Mr. Lindell:—Which you understand?

Mr. Pasco:—Which I understand.

Mr. Lindell:—You allege that he did that before you struck him?

Mr. Pasco:—Yes.

Mr. Horace Lo was about to apply for a remand when Mr. Pasco, interposing, said:—Your Worship, I would like to have the case taken this morning. This is our busy season, and I have gone to the trouble of collecting all the witnesses and they are here, this morning, waiting outside. Perhaps it would be rather difficult to get them again. I don't think the case will take very long. There is no question of denying that I hit him. I am willing to admit that. I would like to have the case heard this morning.

Awaiting Instructions.

Mr. Horace Lo:—I am sorry, but I am not in position to take the case this morning, as I have had no instructions. As a matter of fact, my brother, Mr. M. K. Lo, will be taking it when we have received those instructions. I don't know the facts about it, and, in a case of this sort, it is usual that your Worship does not take it the same morning.

Mr. Pasco:—I have three witnesses all waiting outside.

Mr. Lo then said he was prepared to take the case at any other time convenient to Mr. Pasco.

Mr. Lindell:—You have no actual right to anticipate that the case might not be heard this morning.

Mr. Lo replied that he had his own witnesses, independent ones, to call, but they were not in Court. He took it that the usual procedure for them, as the original complainant in the case, was to open their own evidence first.

Mr. Lindell:—That is true; I had quite forgotten it. (To Mr. Pasco):—I can't hear you this day. You are defendant on the original summons, therefore Mr. Lo's evidence comes first.

Difficult Position.

Mr. Pasco said that would place him in a difficult position and make it inconvenient, as one of the witnesses was a lady. He suggested that evidence on the cross-summons be taken first from the waiting witnesses.

After putting the case over while he disposed of others on the list before the Court, his Worship said to Mr. Lo that he saw no reason to refuse Mr. Pasco's application for the hearing of the cross-summons, subject to the condition that, if required, those witnesses would have to appear again for further hearing on the cross-summons.

Mr. Lo:—That, of course, will destroy any argument for hearing that evidence now, because the inconvenience mentioned by Mr. Pasco is still there, as they are obliged to attend again. The mere fact that they have got to attend again will be so much inconvenience.

Settlement Possible.

Mr. Lo then said that, from the particulars just supplied him by the other side, he understood that it might be desirable that the case be not heard at all, there being a chance of coming to some sort of settlement. It was possible that he might ask his Worship for leave to withdraw the summons. Being yet without the facts of his side, he was not in a position to say anything more than that that course might be open to him and Mr. Pasco. He suggested that the case be remanded formally for a week, pending the suggested settlement.

Mr. Lindell, while agreeing, said that if necessary a day would be fixed for the hearing when the summons again came up before him next week. The attendance of the witnesses would then be required for the hearing.

Mr. Pasco:—Will not that be

BIG MEDICAL
DISCOVERY.MAY LEAD TO DOOM OF
INFLUENZA.

It is good news that those who have laboured so long to discover the cause, and thus to secure the prevention, of distemper, are at last well within sight of their goal.

It is said that Sir Theodore Cook, the able editor of the "Field," died just before his announcement was made, for had it not been for his persistence in furthering investigations, the solution of the problem would have been delayed at least another generation.

It has long been suspected that distemper in dogs and influenza in man, if not identical diseases, are so nearly allied as to permit of a scientific analogy close enough to justify the hope that the unravelling of the germs of the one will lead to the solution of the mysteries surrounding the other.

It is curious to note that both these diseases bear very indefinite labels.

A Morbid State. Distemper in dogs, an old word signifying a slight disease or morbid state, a malady or indisposition, which has gradually narrowed its meaning to the point where it is understood to express a particular epidemic disease in the canine tribe.

Influenza is merely the Italian word for influence—that is, "the bringing about of an effect physical or moral by a gradual, unobserved and easy process."

The French call influenza "la grippe," a very good term, because it emphasises one of the most characteristic features of this strange disease—the surprising abruptness of its onset.

JAPANESE OFFICER'S
DEATH.MEMORIAL SERVICE IN
LONDON.

A memorial service for Lieut. Comdr. Miki was held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, recently. The officer was killed in a motor accident in Perthshire while on his way to Cromarty to attend the autumn exercises of the Atlantic Fleet.

There was a large congregation. The Rev. S. Fukushima officiated. The Board of Admiralty was represented by Comdr. F. H. Simpson, D.S.O., and the Foreign Office by Mr. G. Watkins. Those present included the Japanese Charge d'Affaires, the personnel of the Embassy, the Naval and Military Attachés, representatives of the Japanese banks in London, and the foreign Naval Attachés representing Brazil, Peru, Italy, the Argentine, Spain, the United States, Greece, Chili and France.

At the conclusion of the impressive ceremony the congregation made their obeisance to the urn which was covered in white silk and placed near the Japanese flag. There were many wreaths, including one from the Duke and Duchess of Atholl. It appears that this wreath was cut from the branches of a tree which was planted six years ago by the Crown Prince (now Emperor) of Japan.

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Mr. Douglas Stuart says the contract was contingent on the Betting Tax being altered from its present form to a scale of graduated licenses.

The fee, the largest of its kind ever placed, is payable in advance.

The S.S. Chien Chow recently launched at Shanghai, will make a trial trip this afternoon and, if satisfactory, will berth at her wharf, prior to taking up service on the river some time next week.

worse and worse as regards my busy season?

Mr. Lindell said the present adjournment was made in accordance with the suggested possibility of a settlement outside the Court, which would be a matter for discussion between Mr. Lo and Mr. Pasco. Under the circumstances, as Mr. Lo had said, it was desirable that the summons be adjourned for a week.

Mr. Pasco:—Very well, I think that will meet the case, your Worship.

Mr. Lindell desired to be informed of the result of the discussion before the week was ended, and Mr. Lo promised to do that in writing.

SINKING OF THE
"PAMPANGA."OBSOLETE U.S. GUNBOAT IS
SENT TO BOTTOM.

OFF HONGKONG TO DAY.

It is reported to-day that the old American gunboat Pampanga, which has been in Hongkong for some time in order to be dismantled, was sunk by gunfire of two other American warships, the Asheville and the Sacramento, early this morning.

Reports are to the effect that the Pampanga was towed out of harbour by way of Lyceumoon early this morning and was sunk by the other two craft some seventy miles out at sea.

The U. S. S. Pampanga must have been amongst the oldest ships in commission in the American Navy, having previously been a Spanish gunboat which was seized after the Battle of Manila, during the Spanish-American war.

It will be recalled that just a month ago, the American gunboats Eleanore and Villalobos, which were condemned as obsolete by the Navy Department in Washington, were towed out to the mouth of the Yangtze and there sunk by vessels of the 39th U. S. Destroyer Division. Both these gunboats had long and honourable records. They were originally in the Spanish Navy but were captured by the Americans following the historic Battle of Manila where Admiral Dewey's fleet triumphed.

SOVIET WAY WITH
DEBT CLAIMS.OVERCHARGES FOR NEW
PURCHASES.

New York, Oct. 26.

American business men are interested in the reports from Berlin that the Soviet has made provision for settling the claims of the General Electric Company of America in its recent contract with that corporation without establishing a precedent on other claims.

According to that report the Soviet is merely allowing the American company to overcharge it for purchases, this overcharge to settle claims for 1,750,000 dollars (\$250,000) against the Soviet, due largely to the nationalisation of the General Electric's Russian plants.

Observers here find this report perfectly in accord with the carefully guarded statement from the General Electric, in which it was said, "Provision is made on the completion of the contract for the settlement of all claims." It is felt that this will enable the Soviet to wink at the prices charged and that upon the completion of the contract the Company will cancel its claims, having been reimbursed by a greater margin of profit, without any other claimants being able to cite this as a precedent for a similar arrangement. As far as any general finding of obligations is concerned this is believed to be as far away as ever.

A wing of Sidcup Place, a large residential school for boys, kept by Captain J. W. Blencowe, at Sidcup, Kent, was recently by a fire which broke out gently.

STEAMER LOST BY FIRE
IN THAMES.OIL AND COAL IN A COMMON
STOREHOLD.

A Board of Trade Inquiry into the loss of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's steamer Carmarthenshire, of 7,823 tons, by fire in the Thames on July 7, was opened recently at the Law Courts. The vessel carried a crew of 85 and 11 passengers.

Mr. A. T. Bucknill, for the Board of Trade, stated that a fire was seen in the stokehold a few minutes after the Carmarthenshire left the King George V. Dock. It grew with such rapidity that the stokehold and engine-room staff were driven out within a few minutes of the outbreak. The vessel was beached. After the fire it was discovered that a nipple on the pipe supplying the boiler with oil had come apart from the joint to which it was screwed. Through this leak heated oil under pressure, instead of going into the burners, was pumped on to the stokehold plates in front of the furnace door.

One of the questions which is concerning the Board of Trade, added Mr. Bucknill, is whether this fire shows that the burning of oil and coal in a common stokehold, such as the Carmarthenshire had, is likely to produce a fire which, if the vessel is at sea, may soon become uncontrollable and make it necessary to abandon the ship.

Mr. Charles N. Sides, chief engineer of the ship, describing the efforts to extinguish the fire in the stokehold, stated: "We used everything we could. The crew behaved splendidly. Everyone did their best. I used an extinguisher and a hose as long as I could stick it. I collapsed halfway up to the deck."

Mr. Thomas Edward Wright, second engineer, said that the oil feed system was tested when the change over from coal was made at Middlesbrough, and had been in use three days before the ship sailed. He could not suggest what had caused the joint to come apart. I should say, he added, that it was bad workmanship on the part of the people who fitted the nipple in the first place, and a bad thread which was not strong enough.

"THE PLAY GIRL."

BRIGHT FILM SHOWING AT
THE QUEEN'S.

There is plenty of "pep" and action about "The Play Girl," which provides the main attraction at the Queen's Theatre to-day. It concerns the adventures of an attractive assistant in a New York flower shop who, on the advice of a gay young chum, tries her luck as a girl who is not above accepting costly gifts from men admirers with no intention of giving anything in return. Naturally, romance intervenes and there is eventual happiness for the hero and heroine. But before that happens, all manner of highly diverting situations arise, including some which are a little risqué. Light and amusing and admirably produced, the film is well worth seeing. Madge Bellamy and Johnny Mack Brown play the leads, both with marked success, whilst others who contribute much to the amusement are Anita Garvin and Walter McGrail.

Other features in a really excellent programme are a news reel, a most amusing Felix cartoon and a more than usually funny Hal Roach comedy.

FIRST M.C.C. WIN
DOWN UNDER.AN AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN
WELL BEATEN.

BOWLERS IN FORM.

Sydney, Nov. 20.

In one of the important matches of the tour, other than the Test games, the M.C.C. team gained a most encouraging victory to-day, an Australian XI being defeated by eight wickets.

It was the first outright success of the visitors, though they have been battling extraordinarily well. The Australian team was composed mainly of players from New South Wales, but the English bowling was so good that the side failed to make 250 runs in either innings.

At their first attempt, the home team were sent back for 231, mainly through the capital work of Tate and J. C. White.

In reply, England made 357, gaining an advantage of 126 runs. Australia never shaped like playing a recovery and were beaten by eight wickets, the scores being:

Australian XI: 231 and 213.
The M.C.C.: 357 and 118 for 2.

Tate took 3 wickets for 33 runs in the first innings, J. C. White claiming 3 victims for 47 runs, and Larwood 3 for 80.

Four England players exceeded the half-century, Hobbs contributing 58, Mead, 53, Tyldesley 49, and Tate 59.

Dr. Notthing took 3 for 61, and J. H. Bevington 3 for 93.

Faced with a formidable task, the Australians did little better on going in a second time. Gentry, playing for the first time since his injury, took 3 wickets for 42, Tate again returned good figures, his three wickets costing 65 runs, while Larwood took 2 for 81.

Hobbs with 67 not out was the principal figure in the second innings efforts of the M.C.C.—Reuter.

Against N.S.W.

The match against New South Wales evidently ended in a draw, the last known state of the game being:

M.C.C.: 734, or 7, wickets (dec'd).
N.S.W.: 349 and 28 for 0 wicket.

The Australians had lost 3 wickets for 52 runs over-night but a dogged display by C. Kelleway (probably earning him his place in the Test) supported by D. Bradman (also selected for the Test) enabled them to recover sufficiently to make a showing, Kelleway scoring 93 (not out) and Bradman 87.

They needed 357 runs on the last day of the match to avert an innings defeat.

In the course of the M.C.C. innings, Hammond (225) and Hendren (167) established a new record for the fourth wicket partnership of an English side in Australia.

"THE KING OF KINGS."

SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT
QUEEN'S.

After the famous film "The King of Kings" had been shown at Covent Garden, London, the following views were expressed to Press representatives by members of the audience.

Bishop of Bradford, Dr. Prowse:—I have only one comment to make, come and see it.

Canon John Cooney (St. Thomas Roman Catholic Church, Wandsworth):—"I was most favourably impressed. The production is quite worthy of the subject."

Rev. C. Haldon (St. Jude's, Southwark):—"I think it is a very fine film. I shall advise people to come and see it."

Rev. F. O'Connor (St. Patrick's, Soho):—"It has fully succeeded in its object, and is both impressive and reverent. There are certain minor faults, but they are only details, and don't really matter much in a production as fine as this."

Rev. F. H. B. McKay (All Saints, Margaret Street, W.I.):—"A very fine film and bound to do a lot of good. It will make the gospel more real to simple folk."

Rev. Stuart Scott (Congregational Union of London):—"The film was bound to come sooner or later. I do not agree the Christ is portrayed as a weak character, I think the strength of character is there, and that it is admirably restrained."

This remarkable film which was produced and directed by the eminent director Cecil B. De Mille will be screened at the Queen's Theatre for a limited number of days commencing Tuesday next, when Hongkong audiences will also have an opportunity of judging the production. Owing to its great length only three performances will be given daily commencing promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15 p.m.

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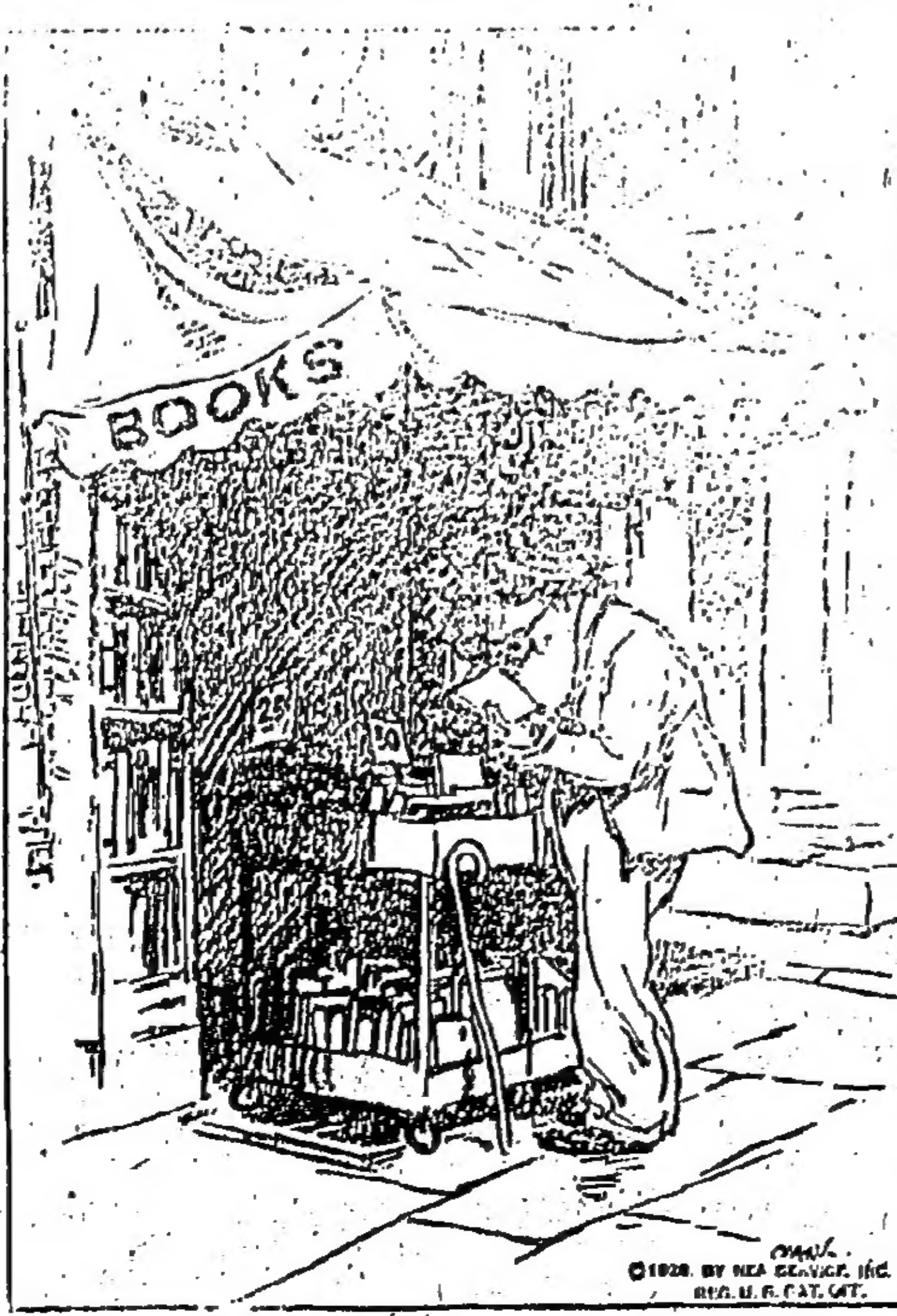
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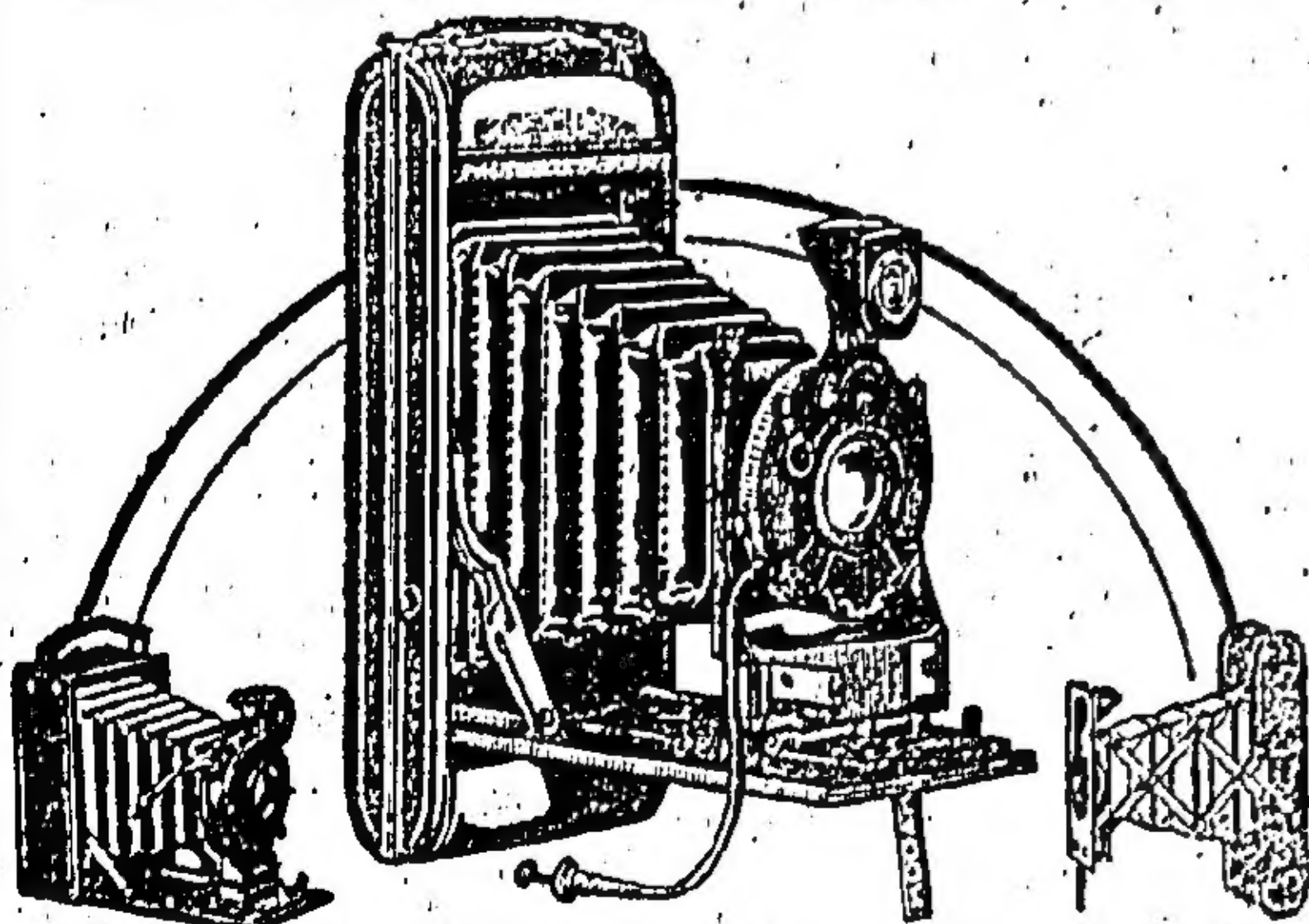
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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs"]

After the very welcome rain of last week, wickets generally played much truer last Saturday than they have done at any time this season. The brown patches which were beginning to show up here and there on some of the grounds have practically disappeared and batsmen once again faced the fast bowlers with more confidence as the chances of being injured by the rising ball have been minimised.

I have previously refrained from bringing up the question of the time limit for drawing stumps in League matches, but another instance last week has proved that it is really absurd to carry on until 6 p.m. in November. I am referring to the Civil Service-Craigengower fixture in the Senior Division. At about 5.40 Civil Service needed some 20 runs to win and although it was quite too dark to continue playing, the umpires abided by the rule to the letter and would not call a halt a minute sooner than 6 o'clock.

A casual spectator indignantly remarked, "why not allow, say, one hour and three-quarters for each side to bat in League matches and ensure the termination of a game when the light is still good?" This would very likely produce brighter cricket as batsmen would go all out to get as many runs as possible in the time at their disposal, but would it tend to improve the standard of local cricket? Another important factor in favour of this suggestion is that it would certainly decrease the number of drawn matches.

The Indian Recreation Club have again to thank A. R. Minu for saving what might very likely have turned out to be a bad collapse. In his own free style, Minu hit up 57 out of a total of 129 runs but his innings was more lucky than usual.

The Indians fielded uncommonly well and in 40 minutes disposed of the Royal Artillery for 60.

Craigengower put up 155 runs for seven wickets on the Civil Service ground but got rather a scare as the home team scored very rapidly at the commencement, their first wicket pair getting close to 80 runs. It was quite on the cards that Civil Service, with their galaxy of batsmen, would have taken the full three points, but Omar kept the runs down in great style. I think he was bowling nearly as well as when he was at his best four seasons ago. Towards the end, when the light was becoming bad, he was really invaluable and was largely responsible for effecting a draw for Craigengower.

The Junior Division leaders, Indian R.C. 2nd XI, had their progress retarded by Kowloon C.C. but still remain at the top of the table. The Indians have hopes of being able to carry off the championship again this year—they did it two seasons ago—but to do this they must improve their batting and not depend on one player (M. P. Madar) to get the runs every time.

Where their senior XI failed to obtain 155 runs to win against Craigengower, the Civil Service 2nd XI, on an adjoining ground and faced with the same score, accomplished the task just on time. With an enterprise rarely seen in junior games, Harper and Paterson opened their shoulders to the bowling and set a splendid example to the succeeding batsmen.

Electric R.C. appear to have fallen off somewhat in the last three weeks. They had to make only 102 to win from Royal Engineers, but failed miserably. Alexander was badly missed in the Police team when they crossed over to engage Club de Recreio. His left-hand action in bowling would have worried the Portuguese batsmen and then in batting, too, he would have swelled their total which was 28!

Four matches, two in each division, make up the League programme this week. Kowloon 1st XI, on form, should have little trouble against Craigengower. The Navy XI, strengthened by recent arrivals, should be able to account for Chinese R.C.

In the Junior fixtures, Kowloon C.C. after their fine victory over the Indians last week, are confident of being able to obtain the full points at the expense of Craigengower. The visit of the weak Electric R.C. team to Civil Service looks very much like as if it would turn out to be a one-sided affair.

CANTON BILLIARDS.

MASONIC CLUB LOSES MATCH.

The Canton Club defeated the Canton Masonic Club by 150 points in the first of the matches for the "Masonic Cup." The only other club entered this year is the Club Lusitano, who are the holders. The Customs Club was unfortunately unable to raise a team owing to the shortage of foreign officers. The cup was presented in 1927 by Mr. W. R. Farmer. The scores were:

Canton Club	Canton Masonic Club
A. T. Lay 140	T. Stormes 250
G. C. Kitching 250	C. T. Underhill 101
D. Latimer 250	C. E. Watson 101
J. Baud 250	J. Mahood 218
W. Selfert 250	G. A. Clements 175

Each Club entered plays every other club twice and the club scoring the highest aggregate points is the winner.—Our Own Correspondent.

Autumn Billiards Handicap.

Mr. A. V. Hogg (+100) defeated Mr. C. T. Underhill (—100) in the finals of the Canton Masonic Club Autumn Billiards Handicap. Other entries were:—C. E. Watson (—100); J. Mahood (—50); L. Uydens (scratch); W. H. Hewitt (+60); Winecup (+60); H. Nelson (+40); J. W. Banbury (scratch); A. Hoffmeister (+20); V. G. Murrell (+150); J. Smith (+150); Bristol (+60); Wm. Farmer (—30); C. H. Reid (—30); Marts (+60); Captain G. A. Clements (—30); J. (+40); W. R. Farmer (scratch); S. Lillierap (+40); F. Stormes (—300).

SHAMEEN FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

H.M.S. MOTH SECURES EASY WIN.

The Shameen Sports Club suffered a severe defeat at the hands of H.M.S. Moth in the Shameen Football League on Monday afternoon, the latter winning by 5 goals to 1.

The Shameen Sports Club, certainly sent out a weak team, but in any case they never seem to be at their best so early in the week. The teams were: Shameen Sports Club—H. H. Benson; Neugezig, J. Linaker; Drummond, J. A. Summers, O. Friesner; E. H. Shekury, Geo. Duncan, J. M. Walker, J. Rodger, F. E. W. Lammert. H.M.S. Moth—Wickenden; Wincup, Dewey; Hutchinson, Harrison, Gold; Carter, Jordan, Beard, Hodgkinson, Love.

SHAMEEN LAWN TENNIS.

RESULTS OF RECENT MATCHES.

The Shameen Municipal Council (Mr. C. E. Watson and Captain G. A. Clements) scored an easy victory over Messrs. Gerin, Drevard & Co. (Mr. J. Baud and Mr. V. E. Ferrier) in the finals of the Hong Doubles by defeating them 6-1, 6-3.

Men's Doubles.

In the semi-finals of the Men's Handicap Doubles, Mr. M. A. Annett and Mr. F. Gandoss (-15) defeated Mr. L. B. Wood and Mr. J. H. Sutcliffe (+15) 6-3, 1-6, 6-0; and Mr. A. T. Lay and Mr. J. Rodger defeated Mr. H. H. Benson and Mr. J. Linaker (scratch), 6-2, 7-5.—Our Own Correspondent.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

CLUB TO PLAY THE HERMES TO-DAY.

The following will represent the H.K.F.C. (Rugby section) against H.M.S. Hermes to-day at 5 p.m. sharp:—O. W. Fox; R. L. Stewart, R. J. Griev, Wade, M. D. Scott; I. E. L. Mackay, R. H. Dewley, P. D. Roberts, J. A. E. Kendrew, P. L. R. Thomas, W. Lithgow Smith, Walters, A. R. Cox, M. D. G. Hoare, F. A. Merry.

Tree-pruning operations in the grounds of St. Mungo's Catholic Church, Clackmannan, revealed among the branches a wren's nest, largely composed of confetti.

LAWN TENNIS.

CANTON PLAYERS WIN AT KING'S PARK.

Playing at King's Park on the South China Athletic Association's ground, the visiting tennis team from the Canton Citizens' Athletic Association scored a victory over the home team by 62 games to 47.

The Canton team had only five players at King's Park, when the match commenced and they invoked the assistance of Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, the local Chinese "Star" to make up their team. Ng Sze-kwong and his partner K. C. Wong won all their games.

The full scores are as follows: S. K. Hoh and C. H. Ma (Canton) beat K. C. Luk and D. C. Luk 10-1; lost to W. H. Ho and C. C. Ma 4-7; lost to S. Chan and W. C. Lee 5-6. K. C. Wong and Ng Sze-kwong (Canton) beat K. C. Luk and D. C. Luk 7-4; beat W. H. Ho and C. C. Ma 6-5; beat S. Chan and W. C. Lee 8-3.

P. L. Lau and W. W. Foo (Canton) lost to K. C. Luk and D. C. Luk 5-6; lost to W. H. Ho and C. C. Ma 5-6; lost to S. Chan and W. C. Lee 2-9.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

Y.M.C.A. BEATEN BY THE H.K.S.R.A.

On the Marina ground last evening, the Y.M.C.A. hockey team was beaten by an eleven of the H.K.S.R.A., by an odd goal, after a brisk tussle. The game was even throughout, with the pace maintained, but the defence on both sides was superior to the attack.

The goal came in the latter part of the first half, this being the only score, and representing the slight superiority on the part of the Indians.

SNOOKER CONTEST.

A. J. OSMUND WINS HIS MATCH.

H. J. White received a walk-over from C. F. Heerde in the Palace Hotel snooker championship, yesterday evening.

In the other fixture, A. J. Osmund beat F. W. Black, by 216 to 60. Osmund's frames were 89, 73 and 54; and Black's 15, 27 and 18.

Only one fixture is down for tonight, at 8 o'clock, when J. Witchell will meet Ismail.

THE BETTING TAX.

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS DERIVED.

London, Nov. 20. The Financial Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Samuel, stated in Parliament that the approximate amount derived from the Betting Duty during the year ended October 31, last was £2,279,000.—British Wireless.

BARRIE JOKE CLEAR AFTER 34 YEARS.

UNHAPPY CHAIRMAN AT BURNS DINNER.

The secret of a practical joke played by Sir James Barrie—with himself, as chief victim—has just been revealed after 34 years.

The *National Observer*, then under the editorship of W. E. Henley, printed an article entitled "Barrie in the Chair"—a whimsical caricature of the novelist, who had not yet "grown up" to his present literary stature, as chairman of a Burns dinner at Greenock.

The article infuriated many Barrie admirers, who bombarded Henley with letters of protest.

It is now disclosed by Henley's former literary assistant, Mr. W. H. Spence that Barrie himself was the author of the skit.

The *Glasgow Herald* reprints the article.

In it we behold J. M. Barrie slowly moving towards his place in the "chair"—as it might be in a tumble towards the guillotine.

"I was introduced to him," says the supposed writer, "and we both held out our hands. Having shaken his, I let go. His remained in the air, as if the ceremony was new to him. Several others were introduced, and he gave to all his hand to do what they liked with it. This being over, he placed it by his side.

"We then adjourned with unwonted solemnity to the hall where dinner was to be served.

He was evidently anxious to please. . . . When a joke was made you could see him struggling, not with face alone, to laugh heartily. It was as if he tugged the strings that work the organs of risibility, but either the strings were broken or he had forgotten to bring the organs.

On his table was a large epergne of flowers. I saw him move his chair stealthily, inch by inch, until he was fairly behind this epergne. On the right and left he shut himself in with bottles and cruet. He then settled down for a jolly evening.

"Obviously he was very anxious to be sociable," the skit continues. "Sometimes when a good story seemed to be told:—

He flung himself back in his chair, waggled his head and slapped his knee, and went through all the mechanical business that accompanies a laugh, but is a suit of clothes without a man in them when, as in his case, the laugh itself won't come.

The man who got most out of him was the waiter to whom he said "Clear," "Cool," "Mutton," "Haggis," "Roederer."

"When he thought we were fighting for our coats, he slipped away like a burglar," the skit concludes. "I heard someone running along the silent street, but it may, it may—have only been a street-boy."



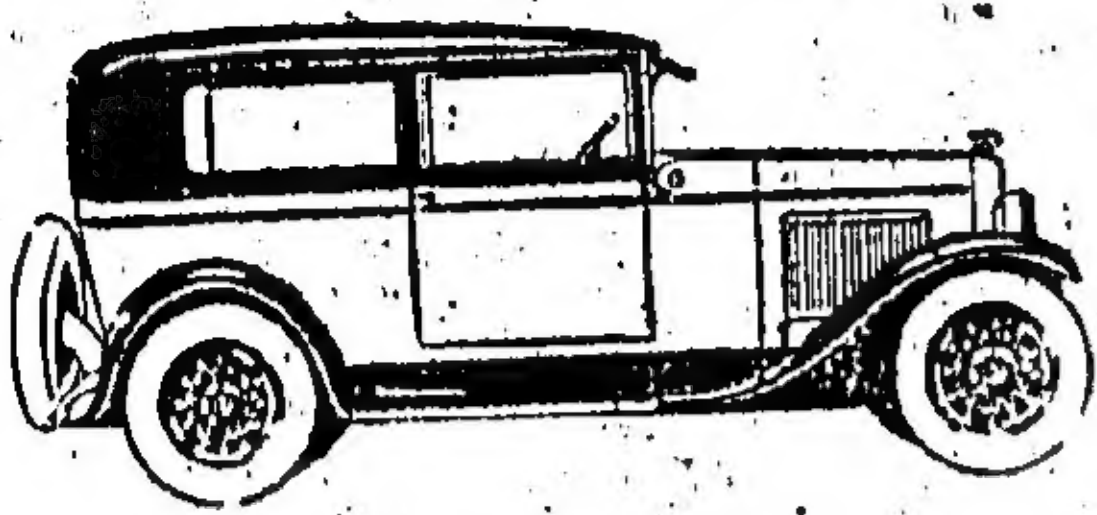
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

SURVEY OF THE WORK DONE DURING PAST YEAR.

In presenting their annual report for 1927-28 the Central Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul express their thanks to the Hongkong public for their generous response to the two annual appeals for assistance—"Our Poor Day" sale of roses and the "Al Fresco Fete".

The Committee accept this as a tribute to the Society's work on behalf of the Colony's Poor and as an indication of the confidence which the public has for so many years bestowed on the Society in its disbursement of the funds placed at its disposal.

The net proceeds of the "Our Poor Day" Sale of Roses and the Fete amounted to \$12,648.84, as against \$13,488.16 in 1926, a reduction of \$839.32.

The Society is gratefully indebted to Mr. E. D. de Rosa, A.S.A., for auditing the accounts.

Relief in Money and Provisions.

The expenditure under this head for the first nine months of 1928 was \$4,802.55, as against \$5,961.60 for the same period in 1927. The Society has also during the nine months expended \$43.50 in providing shoes and clothing for poor children.

The above sum of \$4,802.55 was expended on the maintenance of 163 families comprising 216 persons, irrespective of race, nationality or creed. 1,247 visits were made to the Poor in their homes.

Education of Children of the Poor.

This has always been regarded as one of the chief works of the Society. In accordance with the policy which has been adopted for many years, Chinese children under the Society's care have been provided with the means of obtaining a good grounding in their own language before taking up the study of English. Those who have completed five years' study of Chinese are allowed to compete for scholarships, carrying free tuition at St. Joseph's College.

The Society maintains for this purpose the Kai Lap School for boys at Wanchai, and assists the Tak Ying School for girls, also at Wanchai, by paying the fees of a number of the poorer girls attending this school. During the nine months January to September, 1928, the subsidy to the Kai Lap School amounted to \$720.00. During the same period \$115.26 was paid by the Society in school fees for girls at the Tak Ying School.

Under the head of Education the Society spent during the nine months January to September, 1928, \$189.82 for books and stationery, and \$55.50 on tram, bus and ferry fares for poor children living at a distance from school. During the same period the expenditure on tuition or board and tuition for poor children in English teaching schools was \$1,309.22. The total expenditure on education in 1927 was \$4,453.01.

The establishment in Hongkong of an Industrial School by the Salesian Fathers is a considerable help to the Society in the difficult task of providing employment for the children of the poor. Without a training in any trade, and little or no knowledge of English, these young boys have hitherto had no qualifications to fit them for any but the most menial work.

St. Joseph's Home for Aged Poor.

This Home was assisted to the extent of about \$2,000.00 per annum by the Society before it was taken over by the Little Sisters of the Poor. As the rules of their Order oblige these Sisters to beg each day for the maintenance of their charges, and do not allow them to have any fixed income, the Society has not been called on to make any regular allowance to the Home during the period under report. \$200.00 was, however, given as a donation at Christmas, and \$100.00 on St. Joseph's Day (15th March).

The Council desires again to record with gratitude the assistance given to the Society by this Home in receiving, as accommodation permits, a number of aged poor for whom, owing to their advanced age and feeble health, the Society is not in a position to provide the comforts which are found at the Home.

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ECONOMIC ADVISER.

LUENDORFF'S LIEUTENANT IN SHANGHAI.

Colonel Max Bauer has arrived in Shanghai, and was interviewed by a representative of the N. C. D. News.

Colonel Bauer is a big, open German of the military type, who is also interested in economic and industrial questions, in jurisprudence and philosophy.

"You got some of your facts very badly confused in your article about me, but some things are quite correct. However, I don't mind that. The spirit is quite friendly and then you could not know everything."

"I came to China last winter to look the situation over. Everybody has high hopes for this country and believes that a new era will come here. During my visit, I met Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and we became friendly. He asked me to come to China to advise him with regard to the industrial development of the country and I have come. I have no contract with the National Government nor am I connected with the General Staff or with the Ministry of War. I am a free man to come and go as I please. My duty will be to advise Marshal Chiang Kai-shek personally, and who ever will take my advice."

"During the Great War, my task was to mobilize the economic and industrial resources of Germany in the interest of the German army. I came to know something about the management of big industrial enterprises at that time. That knowledge is now available for Marshal Chiang and his country."

Begin With Industry.

"China has no organized industry. They have got to start right, because it is an expensive and difficult task to correct mistakes afterwards. If I can be of service in assisting them to start right, then I can do something here. There is so much to be done here in industry, that there is no use talking about organizing a national army until there is a national industry, because without a national industry no army can be any good."

"As to the question of my organizing a General Staff, you can only believe that because you are not a military man. You cannot have a General Staff until you have a modern army and China has no modern army. You cannot organize and use a General Staff until you have industries to support an army. The organization of a General Staff may be the crowning glory of many years of terrible work, but now is not the time."

"As to the suggestion that I planned the Northern Expedition," Colonel Bauer laughed, "that is untrue." The tone implied that Colonel Bauer was somewhat offended at the suggestion that he could not have made a better job of it. "I had nothing to do with that and there were no German officers connected with it. You can believe me, because I ought to know. There may or may not have been some Germans, but not German military officers in Tsinan, as you said there were."

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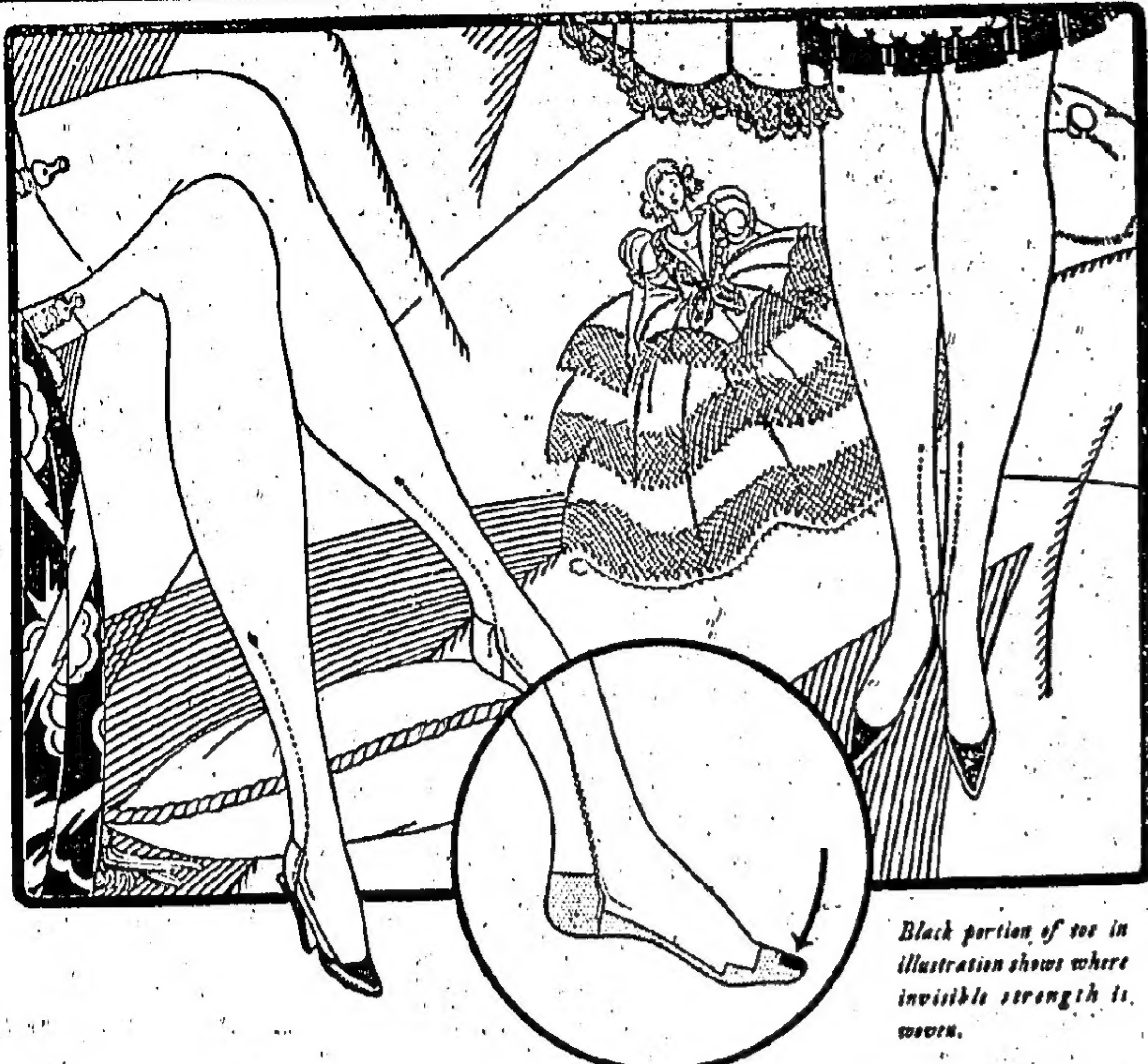
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DEAL DIRECT.

MARSHAL LI

FUTURE MOVEMENTS NOT SETTLED

Interviewed yesterday at the residence of Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Marshal Li related that the delay in his return had been due to his many important activities in Nanking. Now that the Staff Headquarters, of which he is the chief, have been well established and other works going on well, he took the opportunity to come back to attend the many important affairs in the South also.

The Marshal admitted that he was going back to Nanking again shortly, but was not able to tell exactly when, probably one month from now. Of the many important things that need his attention in Canton, the first one is of course the reduction of the army forces. Marshal Li told your correspondent that he is one of the strongest supporters of the general army reduction programme recently adopted by the Central Government. He believes, however, that while trying to reduce the army the problem of efficient military strength for local defence should be considered at the same time. Kwangtung's scale of army reduction will be fixed therefore in compliance with the local need. This does not mean that he insists on leaving a large army which will be superfluous and a waste of the public money. In these days of reconstruction, Marshal Li says that public money should be best spent on local reconstruction.

The Provincial Government.

With regard to the question of the Chairmanship of the Kwangtung Provincial Government which Marshal Li holds concurrently, the Marshal said it is quite true that he is anxious to resign from the position and recommends General Chan Ming-shu as his successor. Although so far General Chan has not yet definitely expressed his opinion, he believes that it is quite probable that General Chan will accept.

When the chairmanship of the Provincial Government is given to General Chan, the Marshal will remain in his position as Chairman of the Canton Political Council. As to whether such a Council should continue to exist, which has been a question of debate in Nanking, Marshal Li declares he will obey the instructions of Nanking. At present, Marshal Li, explained, the commissioners up there differ in opinion with regard to this. One section objects to the continuance and the other strongly supports it. He himself thinks that this Council is still a necessity to facilitate the government and military administrations.

When asked whether he favours the suppressing of opium and gambling in the Kwangtung province, Marshal Li pointed out that there was no doubt whatever of taking such a step. He believes also that there is no difficulty in having this carried out in this province, for Kwangtung has more than sufficient to meet its own expenses even after dropping the revenues from opium and gambling monopolies. But what needs consideration is that to suppress opium in Kwangtung means more than a financial question. The revenues of the provinces of Yunnan, Kwangai and Kweichow will be seriously affected by this. It is an inter-provincial question and therefore it is being taken up in Nanking by representatives from the three other provinces also. Up to the time he left the capital, no definite arrangement has been reached but he remarked that he will strictly act according to what is decided by the Central Government regarding this question.

LETTER GOLF.

A letter golf BANK ROLL is rather small—par is only four—but like most bank rolls it's somewhat hard to get.

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MYSTERIOUS DISCOVERY IN FRANCE.

Paris, Oct. 25.
A laboratory filled with cultures of most deadly bacilli—leprosy and typhus among others—has been discovered by the police at Nogent-sur-Marne. The laboratory is the property of a certain Schirmer, who has already spent ten years on Devil's Island, the French penal settlement, and has been condemned fifteen times for minor offences, such as robbery and fraud. Large stocks of morphine and cocaine were also found in his apartment.

When arrested Schirmer refused to explain why he had gathered together this deadly arsenal of disease germs. From the correspondence which was found among his belongings, however, it appears that Schirmer was in communication with organisations abroad, and that he sent them, at any rate, supplies of morphine and cocaine.

At the commissariat of police at Nogent-sur-Marne, it is suggested that Schirmer is the agent of an international spy whose initial letter is "S."

Amazon Defender.

The police made their discovery quite by accident. Schirmer had bought a motor car from a woman living in the same town and had refused to pay the sum promised. He was therefore summoned, and when examined his answers appeared so suspicious that a search of two flats he possessed was ordered.

When the police arrived at his second flat they found their entrance barred by an Amazon of ample proportions with whom Schirmer had been living for the past few years. It was only after a vigorous struggle that they were able to gain admittance.

The test tubes and flasks labelled with the names of the deadly bacilli have been sent to the police analyst for thorough examination. It is thought possible that they may not be so deadly as their labels (written in Latin) make them appear.

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By Eleanor Early.

THIS HAS HAPPENED.

Sybil Thorne, prominent in Boston society, permits a shipboard acquaintance, RICHARD EUSTIS, to make violent love to her. He finally begs her to marry him.

Sybil is on her way to Havana with MABEL BLAKE, a social worker. Before sailing she promised CRAIG NEWHALL, considered the most desirable bachelor in Boston, a decision upon her return.

Craig loves her devotedly and there is a sort of engagement between them. To please her dying father Sybil had consented to marry Craig, but following Mr. Thorne's death the affair was kept secret, and no announcement had been made. Sybil still believes herself in love with JOHN LAWRENCE, who went to France with the A. E. F. when she was only 18—and never returned.

The marriage of her brother, TAD, adds to Sybil's worries, for she distrusts the pretty little girl he has wed. In order then to unravel her perplexities, she goes to Cuba and encounters Richard Eustis, who proceeds to make life more complicated.

CHAPTER XV.

Mornings are dazzling things in Havana. The sun shone on castles and forts and houses of rainbow hue. It sparkled on the azure sea, and the coloured boats that rode the waves.

Sybil and Mabel stood at the rail, spellbound with the beauty of it. And, when they had caught their breath, they laughed aloud for very joy.

Natives put out in boats to greet them, and sailors on the lower deck scrambled for little white cards that were tossed aboard.

"What are they?" asked Sybil. The purser, passing, handed her a bit of pasteboard.

"Marguerite Fernandez," she read aloud. "Nine Economía, Arriba, Una rubia."

"What does it mean?" "Oh, Senorita Fernandez lives at number nine Economía Street, upstairs. Una rubia means she is a blonde."

"Bad women fascinate me," Mabel confessed. "I've always been so darn good, myself."

The purser laughed. "Keep your eyes open," he advised, "and you'll be fascinated plenty."

"I wonder where Rich is?" murmured Sybil. "He must have forgotten he was planning to marry me this morning."

"Sib! What do you mean?" "Honestly. It seems that captains are like ministers on the sea—notaries, or justices, or something. Rich thought it would be romantic to be married in the harbour."

"Hello, Sweetheart!" Eustis came up behind them, suave and smiling, long-stemmed roses in his hand. "Hello, Mabel. With a flourish he bestowed his flowers. "All the way from Boston, and still fresh. The steward says he puts aspirin in the water. Will they do, my darling, for a bridal bouquet?"

Sybil surveyed him humorously, her nose in his fragrance, her eyes lifted in mocking gaiety. "Imbecile!" she retorted. "Don't pay any attention to him, Mab."

Eustis laughed as one humoring a stubborn child. "The captain's shining his brass buttons, darling," he chided. "You mustn't spoil the party. You'll be Sybil's maid of honor, Mab. And the first mate wants to be best man."

"Maid of honor nothing!" Mabel turned a scornful back. Richard regarded her soberly. "Jealous!" he sighed, and began exploring his pockets. "I've a little trinket somewhere. Ah, here we are." He held up a pair of long ear rings. Little golden discs strung on end.

"Oh, they're beautiful!" Sybil reached for them eagerly, and when she held them in the dazzling light they sparkled like distilled sunshine. "Lovely lovely things!" she cried. "Where did you get them, Rich?"

"Come for a walk," he invited, "and I'll tell you."

He took her arm possessively. "We're going up on the boat deck, Mab. See you here when we come back!"

"See that you come back!" she admonished him curtly.

FORGERY TRIAL FEATURES.

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leave immediately. Accordingly he left on the 6th and paid 25 days salary in lieu of notice.

Mr. Black added that he saw every cheque which was drawn by the Treasury on the general account.

Mr. Sheldon:—Have you any remarks to make about the amounts on these forgeries, taking into consideration that they are made out to outside people, that is non-departmental people?—They are all for exceptionally large amounts.

Mr. Sheldon:—They are all for over \$75,000?—Yes.

To whom are such large payments made in the course of Treasury work?—Amounts like that would usually be made to contractors undertaking large public works.

Witness added that he had examined all cheques drawn in 1922, and found there were only 90 cheques drawn for \$50,000 and over.

Speaking in regard to work done by outside contractors, Mr. Black said that a copy of the specification of each contract was kept in the Treasury. If witness had occasion to do so, he called for the contract.

Procedure Explained.

Describing the procedure as to what followed when a contractor had done his job, Mr. Black said the first thing the contractor would do would be to put in a bill to the engineer in charge of the job. The engineer would check it, certify it correct by initialling or signing it, and the bill then went to the P.W.D. Account Office where it was checked again. A voucher was prepared and attached to the bill, which was then submitted to the Director of Public Works, who signed the certificate on the voucher to say that the rates were correct and the work had been done. These were then sent to the Treasury where they were received by the registry clerk, who passed them on to the examination clerk. The latter checked the voucher, the rates in the schedule with the contract, and also saw that they were within the proper vote. Each item was then ticked off in yellow pencil and each document was initialled by him, if found correct.

The voucher was then passed to the cash book clerk who, in the present case was Chan On-wing. He would write up the cash book and make out the cheque. On his receiving the voucher he would stamp it with a rubber chop "Treasury Voucher" bearing date and the serial number. After he had stamped the voucher he entered in the cash book the amount of the cheque, and next made out the cheque itself. He then entered the cheque in the cheque register and entered the voucher in the register of vouchers. Finally he made out a slip summarizing the cheques attached to the voucher.

Mr. Black added that some vouchers had one cheque and some many. Similarly, there were sometimes one cheque for 40 or 50 vouchers.

Continuing, Mr. Black said the next step would be that the cheques were attached to the vouchers by means of pins or clips and were passed on to the abstract clerk, who entered the particulars and the totals under the various votes. He balanced his entries with the amount of the voucher and then placed it, with the cheques attached, on a small table at the entrance of Mr. Messer's office.

The cheque next reappeared bearing Mr. Messer's signature and was then brought to witness for his signature with the vouchers and particulars still attached.

Not Known.

Mr. Sheldon asked if there was any record in the Treasury books of payments to Katz and Company, Min Tak, Man Lee or Sang Chung. Witness replied that there were none.

Witness explained that he did not know any of the firms mentioned with the exception of the name Man Lee Company. The sum of \$8 was paid to a firm of that name in Percival Street for work done to a police motor cycle.

Mr. Sheldon:—What about the other three firms?—Witness:—I have never heard of them in my life.

About how many Government contractors are there in this Colony who do in fact receive cheques for \$75,000 or over?—I don't think there are more than half a dozen who can handle a job which could earn so much.

In answer to another question, witness said he knew all the big contractors personally. Any cheque that was made out to those contractors for such large sums of money would pass through his hands and bear his signature.

Continuing the description of the procedure, in regard to the making out of cheques, witness said that when a cheque returned to him from Mr. Messer, he unprinted the cheque and slip from the voucher. He went through

DIAMONDS IN HANDFULS.

STONES WORTH £30,000,000 FROM NAMAQUALAND.

Johnnesburg, Oct. 25. Some of the mystery surrounding the Namaqualand diamond fields was lifted to-day by the publication of first-hand information of Government activities. The value of the stones secured from the State diggings to the end of September is six million sterling, the total cost of the working being £40,000.

The State diggings occupy 25 square miles near the southern mouth of the Orange River, where a big lagoon has formed. Apparently in prehistoric times the river, carrying countless diamonds, overflowed into the lagoon down a long ravine, and in the course of time the ravine silted up burying the stones.

To-day Government employees are merely removing the top layer of sand until they reach the boulders of the original ravine bed, where they lift diamonds in handfuls. In one instance a boulder was removed disclosing 148 diamonds nestling in a little pocket.

According to official estimates the State diggings can keep up the present output for 15 years. The very magnitude of these finds will be likely to prove the salvation of the diamond situation.

the voucher bill by bill, checked the amount of the cheque and the name of the payee, at the same time checking the amount on the bills to see that they had been certified by the engineers concerned, and, in the case of big payments, acquainted himself with the work that had been done. He then saw that the certificate had been properly signed by the head of the department, checked the total on the slip with the total on the voucher, and, if everything was correct, he then signed the cheque and initialled the voucher.

The voucher and the cheque were then placed together again and the registry clerk then took them away, sending out the departmental cheques, and handing the contractor's cheques to the No. 1 shroff. The shroff in turn made an entry of the particulars in Chinese and detached them from the voucher, which was handed to a junior clerk, who notified the payee by printed form that the cheque or cheques were waiting at the Treasury.

The next stage was the actual payment of the cheque by the shroff to the payee.

Vouchers Always Scrutinised. Mr. Sheldon asked if witness had ever at any time counter-signed a cheque already signed by Mr. Messer, without scrutinising the voucher.

Witness declared that he had never done so.

Mr. Sheldon:—The end of the year is your busy time, is it not?—Yes.

Do you relax your scrutiny at all at that time?—Not for a moment.

There are at that time a very large volume of the cheques coming in for signature?—Yes, more than usual.

During the influx of this large volume of cheques, is there a difference made in the procedure which you have described?—Yes.

Witness said that at the end of the year it was not possible to get the whole of the cheques properly checked, by the examination clerk and, on the last day of the year, vouchers which had not been checked were sent to the cash book clerk and cheques were made out for them. From that point onward they followed the usual procedure until they reached witness, who would send them back to the examination branch.

The signing of the cheque by witness was deferred until the vouchers have been properly examined and checked.

The object of the change of the procedure was to get all payments made by the end of the year against the vote for which the payment was made out. This would expedite the procedure so that the various sums could be allotted to the proper channels.

Closer Scrutiny.

In answer to Mr. Sheldon, witness said there was no justification for the suggestion that at the end of the year, the scrutiny would relax. "If anything," said Mr. Black, "my scrutiny would be doubled."

Mr. Sheldon:—And the reason for that?—Witness:—We are always watching to see that no big vouchers are sent in at the last moment. We have to watch that because we are never sure whether we shall have sufficient funds at the Bank to meet a constant rush of payments. There is also considerable danger of the votes being expended.

Before the tiffin interval, Mr. Black completed his evidence, Mr. Jenkin then beginning his cross-examination.



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THE WALL GAME.

MORE VIEWS ON THE RECENT ATTACK.

Windsor, Oct. 25. To-day's *Eton College Chronicle* contains letters from several correspondents with reference to the recent attack on the Wall Game, which was published in the *Morning Post*.

Mr. Lowther Bridger writes: "As one who 'formed down' as 'wall' more than once in Collegers v. Oppidans, I do not believe there exists in any other harmless game any greater or more healthy excitement than that which is enjoyed by the players the moment that the 'bully' breaks. Its only fault is that it is all too short, but at the age of eighty-eight I can even recall it now."

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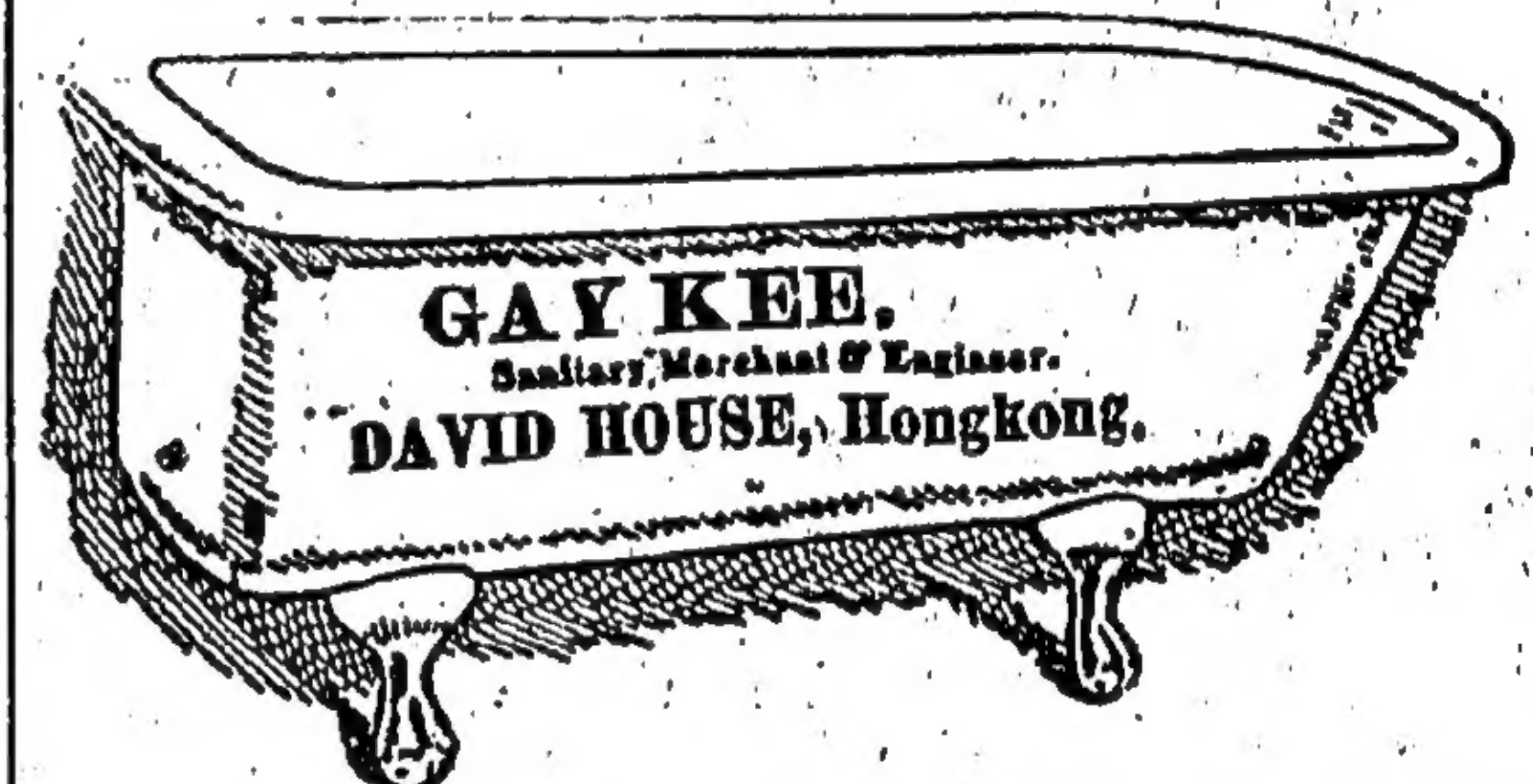
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BEAM WIRELESS.

INCREASED WORKING.

London, Nov. 20. Interesting figures showing the increasing extent to which the Post Office wireless beam services are being used, were given in the House of Commons yesterday.

On the Australian service, during the first year's operation over seven million words were handled; on the Canadian service over four and a half million; on the Indian service over ten million; and on the South African over eight million.

During the first complete week in each service the wordage paid for was, 53,000, 59,000, 115,000, and 35,000 respectively. The weekly figures have now increased on the corresponding services to, 181,000, 113,000, 253,000 and 200,000 words.—*British Wireless.*

THE NEW PRIMATE.

INVITATIONS TO HIS ENTHRONEMENT.

London, Nov. 20. Invitations to the enthronement of Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang as Archbishop of Canterbury have been sent to the Prelates of Christian churches throughout the world.

There will be representatives of the Greek and Russian churches as well as delegates from South Africa, India, Canada, the United States and Protestant communities in the British Isles.

The ceremony will take place in Canterbury Cathedral on December 4. It is twenty-five years since the last Archbishop of Canterbury was enthroned.—*British Wireless.*

MARRIAGE OF R. A. OFFICER.

RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

As reported yesterday, there was a large attendance present at St. John's Cathedral when Miss Edith Marjorie Sinton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Sinton, was married to Lieut. R. F. Wright, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wright.

When the bride and bridegroom left the Cathedral after the ceremony they passed under an arch of swords by officers of the R.A., the car being drawn by men from the Hongkong and Singapore Brigade, Royal Artillery.

The reception was held at Government House immediately after the ceremony, there being a large number of guests. The bride cut the wedding cake with her husband's sword, assisted by His Excellency and Lieut. Wright. Later the four bridesmaids cut the cake which was topped by a miniature hen.

Those present included His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Southern, accompanied by Capt. Whyte and Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, the Hon. Dr. R. H. and Mrs. Kotewall, Sir Henry Gollan, Sir Shouson and Lady Chow, H. E. Major General C. C. Luard, Lady Pollock, Colonel R. B. Skinner, Mr. J. Owen Hughes and a large number of other prominent residents.

In addition all army units in the Colony and the Naval and Air Force Services were represented, there being many Royal Artillery Officers present. The tables at the reception were decorated with the colours of the bridegroom's regiment.

His Excellency's Toast.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom wishing them much joy and happiness. With regard to "joy" the bride and bridegroom had taken great care to bring it with them.

As so often happened in the case of weddings solemnised in Far Eastern Colonies while the bridegroom was well known to all in the Colony, his wife was a comparative stranger. Mrs. Wright had only been in Hongkong a very short time and most of those present did not know her before. She had quickly charmed them all, however, and had proved that the bridegroom was a most sensible man in choosing her as his bride. They would all regret that she was not likely to be long enough in Hongkong for them to enjoy her as much as they could hope, but she would be long enough in the Colony, he hoped, to take away with her pleasant impressions of Hongkong and its people.

With regard to the bridegroom he was well known and had come back to Hongkong to find friends of his father waiting to greet the son of their old friend. His friends had since multiplied like sands on the seashore.

A Good Augury.

Mr. Southern continued that he and his wife had had the pleasure of close acquaintance with Lieut. Wright for two or three months and the more they knew him the better they liked him. That was surely a good augury for a happy

INDUSTRIAL CHANGE.

HOW EVOLUTION IN BRITISH INDUSTRY TAKES PLACE.

London, Nov. 20.

The process of social evolution with the change in the nature and location of national industries is disclosed in the Ministry of Labour Gazette.

For purposes of analysis, one hundred industries have been treated separately, and of these sixty-six record increases during the last five years and thirty-four show decreases.

Workers in the silk and artificial silk industry have increased by 33.6 per cent, and the expansion last year almost equalled that of the four preceding years together.

Statistics confirm in a striking manner the southern trend of industry. The London area has increased its number of insured workers in five years by 10.2 per cent. London and the south-eastern counties, taken together, now represent 25.7 per cent. of the insured population, as compared with 24.2 per cent. in 1923.—*British Wireless.*

LADY MEMBER.

WILL NOT STAND AT THE NEXT ELECTION.

London, Nov. 20. Mrs. Hilton Philipson, formerly Miss Mabel Russell, the well-known actress, who has been the Conservative member of Parliament for Berwick-on-Tweed for six years, has announced that she will not stand as a candidate at the next General Election.—*British Wireless.*

married life. Mrs. Wright would have for her husband an accomplished linguist, as when Lieut. Wright was appointed A.D.C. it was known that he spoke Urdu and would be able to deal with the non-English speaking guards who made a noise in the night. Mr. Southern added that he believed Lieut. Wright would make as perfect a husband as he was acceptable as an A.D.C.

A wedding was the one sentimental occasion on which he quoted poetry, continued His Excellency who finished his speech with

"What e'er he did was done with so much ease.

"In him alone 'twas natural to please."

On the call of His Excellency the toast was honoured and cheers given for the bride and bridegroom. Lieut. Wright saying in reply that it was impossible to express his true appreciation of the way in which the toast had been received and for the many kindnesses shown to Mrs. Wright and himself. They were greatly indebted to His Excellency and Mrs. Southern for holding the reception at Government House. It was the proudest and happiest day of their lives.

The bridegroom proposed a toast to the bridesmaids, to which Lieut. Joy replied. The couple later left on their honeymoon. Mrs. Wright's going away dress being of beige crepe-de-chine with a brown hat and fur trimmed coat.



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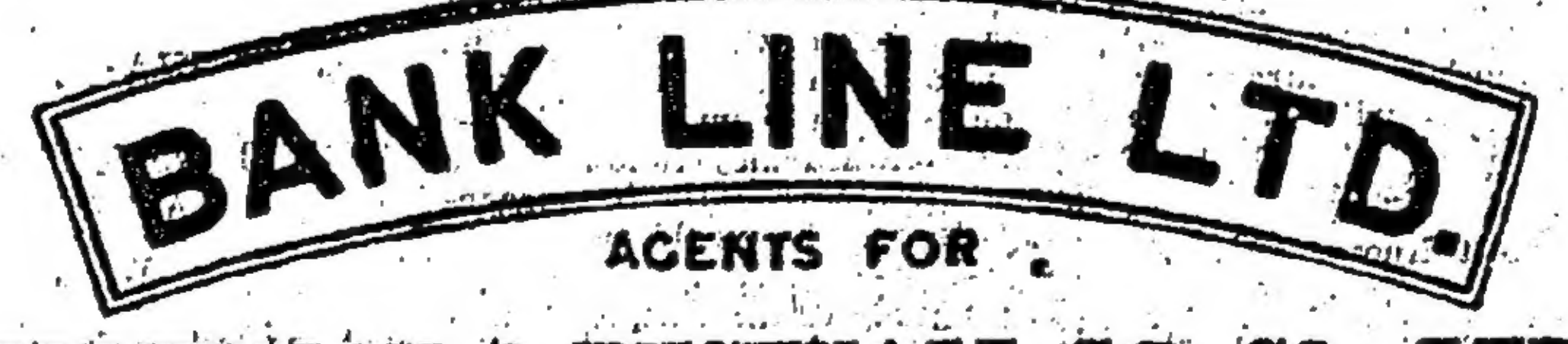
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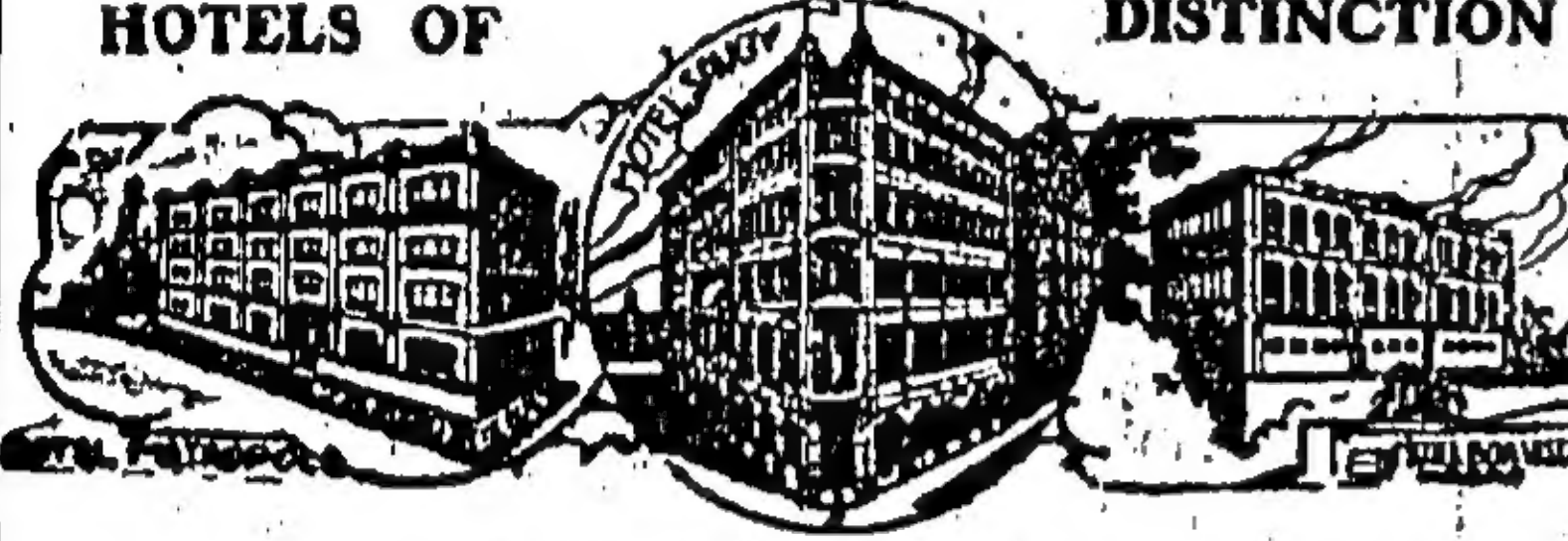
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LIFEBOAT HEROES' FUNERAL.

PATHTIC SCENE AT BURIAL OF FIFTEEN.

FAULTY LIFEBELTS?

London Nov. 20. Fifteen of the seventeen lifeboatmen of Rye Harbour who were drowned last Thursday were buried in one big grave in the churchyard of their home village to-day. The bodies of the other two drowned lifeboatmen have not yet been given up by the sea.

An enormous crowd attended the funeral. Men of the British Legion dug the grave and legionnaires were among the pallbearers, who were mainly lifeboatmen. A band played funeral marches.

Because of the press of the public, the service was held in the graveyard, not in the church. The crews of many other lifeboats around the coast were present.

Nearly every family in the little Hamlet of Rye Harbour had lost someone in the disaster, and the scenes at the graveside were pathetic in the extreme.

Mr. Williams, Under-Secretary of the Board of Trade, stated in the House of Commons to-day that his Department had decided to hold an enquiry into all the circumstances of the disaster. The enquiry would cover certain allegations that had been made regarding defects in the life belts worn by the dead lifeboatmen.—British Wireless.

OPIUM POSSESSION CASE.

WOMAN SENTENCED AT KOWLOON.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared before Mr. E. L. Wynne-Jones, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, to defend a man and woman who were jointly charged with being in possession, at No. 108, Canton Road, of 3.7 taels of prepared opium and 20 taels of raw opium.

Mr. d'Almada pleaded guilty on behalf of the woman, but said that he understood the prosecution would accept that plea and withdraw against the man.

Revenue Officer, Grimmit accepted the plea and remarked that in respect of 10 taels of raw opium, the prosecution was unable to prove that it belonged to either of the defendants as it was found outside the cubicle.

The second charge was accordingly amended to possession of ten taels. The man was discharged.

Mr. d'Almada asked for leniency for the woman, remarking that the opium had been left by a relative. She knew what the parcel contained, but did not know it was illegal.

The woman was fined \$100, or six weeks' hard labour, on each charge.

MANILA SHOWS.

COMING TO HONGKONG SHORTLY.

The public will be interested to learn that the Manila Shows, a miniature Wembley show, will shortly open in Hongkong. A site has been secured on the Praya East reclamation, and the opening date will probably be December 6th.

Part of the Show is at present in Macao in connexion with the big Fair there, and this will unite with another section from Manila. The attractions include a circus, various side shows, roundabouts and flying planes.

ARGENTINE TRAINING SHIP.

VISITED BY BRITISH FIRST LORD.

London, Nov. 20. The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Bridgman, accompanied by Rear-Admiral Fullerton, went to Portsmouth to-day to visit the Argentine training ship Presidente Sarmiento. The Argentine Ambassador was also in the party.

The First Lord was very interested in all he saw and particularly in the exhibition of sail drill by the cadets.—British Wireless.

YEN'S WAR ON BANDITS.

Peking, Nov. 20. To carry out much-needed bandit suppression campaigns Marshal Yen Hsi-shan has ordered General Sheng Chen to divide Chihli into a few districts and to appoint military officers to control these districts.

BRITISH WAR DEBT POSITION.

PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS NOW ABOUT EQUAL.

IF ALLIES PAID UP.

London, Nov. 20. Some interesting figures in regard to the repayment of Britain's war debt to the United States and payments to Britain from other countries were made in the House of Commons to-day by Mr. Winston Churchill, the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Replying to a question, Mr. Churchill stated that the annual payment to the United States in repayment of the war debt was \$33,000,000 per annum, and British receipts in respect of Allied debts should be \$12,800,000, this sum including \$8,000,000 from France and \$4,800,000 from Italy.

Repayments, said Mr. Churchill, should amount to \$19,000,000, making a total in receipts of \$32,800,000, against payments to the United States of \$33,000,000.

Mr. Churchill added that the annual payment to the United States would rise to \$38,000,000 after 1933 and the receipts from Allied war debts and repayments would also rise in proportion, in accordance with the settlement agreed to.—British Wireless.

THREE MILE FALL AND ESCAPED DEATH.

UNCONSCIOUS IN AN AEROPLANE.

A test-pilot whose name is not disclosed for Service reasons has had an amazing escape from death.

He was testing a new all-metal Bristol Bulldog fighting plane, when, in mid-air, he became dizzy and lost consciousness.

The aeroplane began to dive earthward at a speed which increased until the machine was rushing earthward at 300 miles an hour.

After he had plunged down for 15,000 feet the airman regained his senses and automatically pulled the machine out of its dive.

Mind a Blank.

His mind was a blank as to what had been happening during his fall, but, feeling normal again, he continued his tests and did not land for some time.

When his automatically-recording altimeter was examined the story of what might have proved a death-dive was clearly told.

The pen of the recorder had traced, in the shape of an abruptly descending line, that headlong plunge for three miles.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Nov. 20.
Paris	124.10
Brussels	34.89
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2
Berlin	20.33
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	84.52
Helsingfors	182 1/2
Lisbon	108.1/10
Bucharest	806 1/2
Buenos Aires	47 15/32
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 13/32
New York	4.84 31/32
Geneva	25.19
Milan	92.55
Stockholm	18.14
Oslo	18.19
Prague	163 1/2
Madrid	30.98
Athens	375
Rio	5.20/32
Bombay	1/6 1/32
Hongkong	2/0 1/4
Silver (spot)	26.11/16
Silver (forward)	26.13/16

—British Wireless.

FINE WEATHER.

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone has passed into the Pacific. Another has formed over China. The typhoon is about 150 miles north-west of Yap, moving west or west-north-west. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, fresh; fine.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 19 arrivals and 26 departures, leaving 55 vessels in port of which 18 were British.

The s.s. San Nam Hoi went into dock at noon to-day for annual overhaul and refit and is expected to be off the run for about three weeks.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Empress of Canada to-day were Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Leavell, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Miss P. J. Scott Harston, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cameron, Mr. A. N. Lacey, Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell and Mr. and Mrs. U. Spallinger.

HAPPIER DAYS FOR RUMANIA.

CONFIDENCE RESTORED BY NEW PREMIER.

WISE POLICY EFFECTS.

Bucharest, Nov. 20. The upheaval in Rumania, arising largely from the Transylvanian optant troubles, is now settling down, the elevation of M. Maniu to the Premiership having restored confidence.

One of M. Maniu's first moves has been to abolish the Press censorship, and he has also raised martial law everywhere except in the frontier zones, where ameliorations have been introduced.

The Minister of the Interior has warned the Police throughout the country against the ill-treatment of prisoners placed under arrest following the recent disturbances, and as the result of complaints in this connexion, the Police Chief at Baital and two police-sergeants have been dismissed.

These are the first fruits of M. Maniu's far-reaching programme of reforms, which has received the approbation of all interested European Powers, particularly as the new Cabinet, which includes many Transylvanians, has promised to deal with the minorities question "in a manner befitting its importance."

Meanwhile preparations for the general elections, which are to take place on December 12th, are progressing. The Peasant Party, of which M. Maniu is the leader, has concluded electoral pacts with the Social Democrats, the Saxon group and the Transylvanian Zionists.—Reuter.

ONE-MAN ARMY CAPTURED.

IRISHMAN'S LITTLE WARS ALL TO HIMSELF.

Cornelius Healy, known as the one-eyed gunner, one of the most-wanted men in the Irish Free State, was captured by Clive Guards recently.

Among other charges against him were two of attempting to murder police.

Police have been searching night and day for him for a considerable time, but he had evaded arrest until he was taken by surprise by a force of police who surrounded his home.

He offered no resistance, and was brought under a heavy escort to Cork City, where he was charged before a special court and remanded.

Healy was a one-man army. He had neither leader nor followers, but during the Irish disturbances went around the country carrying on a fight on his own.

He carried a machine gun on his shoulder and started a fight when he thought fit. He referred to the machine gun as his "Lizzie."

He showed great alertness in avoiding the police, although houses in which he was staying were repeatedly surrounded. His running powers are said to be wonderful.

WOMAN EXPLORER'S TASK.

EXCAVATIONS AT KING SOLOMON'S MINES.

Entirely new light may be thrown on the distant past of South Africa by excavation work which is to be carried out by a British woman archaeologist under the auspices of the British Association.

Miss Gertrude Caton-Thompson has been chosen by the Association to undertake the task of excavating the mysterious ruins of Zimbabwe, in Rhodesia.

Professor J. L. Myres, Librarian of New College, Oxford, is taking a great interest in the work. He told a Daily Mail reporter:

"These substantial and elaborate ruins, with their granite walls and terraces, archways and roadways, their so-called fortresses and temples, have for some time provided a perplexing problem to antiquarians. It is impossible to surmise who built the works. There has been some talk about the legendary King Solomon's Mines in connexion with the ruins."

"Miss Caton-Thompson, as far as I know, will go out alone and will organize the whole of the excavations herself. It must not be imagined that she is going to a very wild and dangerous spot, because there is a motor-road to Zimbabwe, and an hotel there where people stay who go to inspect the ruins."

SUN YAT-SEN'S BURIAL.


Shanghai, Nov. 20. A message from Mukden states that General Chang Hsueh-jiang will visit Nanking in the Spring to attend in State Burial of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

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